2013 PANHELLENIC

panhellenic sorority recruitment

University of West Georgia
Dear Potential New Member,

Welcome to West Georgia! We are thrilled that you made the choice to Go West and can’t wait to see what you’ll accomplish during the next four years. Getting involved in a student organization is an important key to success and we encourage you to get active as soon as possible! Sorority recruitment is a great way to jump right into UWG’s student life.

Our greek community offers a diverse group of people and organizations to interested new members. During the recruitment process, you will have the opportunity to meet the members of our community and get more information about each organization. Each chapter is unique and it is our goal to help you find a group that will help bring out the best in you.

We hope that you use this book as a helpful resource throughout your recruitment process. Inside, you will find the basics about each organization, FAQs, and helpful hints. Please remember that this whole process is about finding your best match, so put your best foot forward and hold your head high! Cherish the friendships you make during this experience and watch them grow over the next four years. We hope you make the most of this phenomenal opportunity and can’t wait to welcome you into our greek community!

Sincerely,

CYNTHIA
Panhellenic President

KRYSTIN
VP of Recruitment

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WHAT IS RECRUITEMENT?
Recruitment, also known as Rush, is the process by which fraternities and sororities on campus introduce themselves to prospective members. Throughout the semester, you are invited to visit the chapters to learn what each has to offer. Joining a sorority is a BIG decision, and attending all of the events in the calendar will help you decide which organization is right for you.

HOW DO I GO GREEK?
Anyone interested in joining a sorority is encouraged to attend information sessions and go through Formal Recruitment in the fall semester. This will provide prospective members an opportunity to find out more about the chapters on campus as well as the recruitment process. First year students may join a sorority during fall semester or may have another opportunity during the spring semester, if chapters participate in Continuous Open Bidding. Those participating in Formal Recruitment or Intake must meet the minimum GPA requirements set by the university.

DOESN’T GREEK LIFE TAKE UP A LOT OF TIME?
Greek membership takes up as much time as you are willing to invest. Whether it is a community service project, social event, sporting event, or attending weekly meetings, you have the choice as to what to participate in within your chapter outside of mandatory events, as decided by each chapter. Members have learned to balance their time wisely along with schoolwork, jobs, and significant others.

WILL BEING IN A GREEK ORGANIZATION AFFECT MY GRADES NEGATIVELY?
The University of West Georgia prides itself on high standards of academic requirements assigned by each Chapter. Each organization requires GPA requirements above adequate levels recommended by the university. Fraternities and sororities also hold study sessions, academic award ceremonies, and more! In fact, the current Panhellenic GPA is higher than that of the all women’s GPA on campus!
WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING?
Supportive friends, leadership opportunities, philanthropic projects, community service, career opportunities, and becoming part of a worldwide network are just a few of the wonderful opportunities that you will have as a Greek at UWG. This only begins the description of how being in a sorority will positively affect your life... and membership is for life!

DO I NEED TO ATTEND ALL OF THE RECRUITMENT EVENTS?
YES! The object of recruitment is for you to take in as much information as possible about the UWG Greek Community so that you can make the best decision possible. If you intentionally miss events, you could be released from recruitment. Let your Rho Gamma know ASAP if you absolutely cannot not make it to an event.

WHAT DO SORORITIES LOOK FOR IN NEW MEMBERS?
The membership selection process varies for each sorority. A sorority is not only choosing individual members, but an entire new member class. Each sorority is looking to gain a well-rounded new member class that includes leaders, scholars, athletes, artists, and more! The criteria sororities use for new member selection may include previous academic performance, activities and interests, and interaction with the sorority members during recruitment events. Differences in sororities qualifications are based on national bylaws. Panhellenic has no input in the member selection process or the qualifications that each sorority considers for its members.

WILL ALL POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS JOIN A SORORITY AT THE END OF RECRUITMENT?
Recruitment is a process of mutual selection by the potential new member and the sorority. There are many different outcomes to this process. Participating in Recruitment does not guarantee that you will be asked to join a sorority and it does not obligate you to join one; it is possible for you to go through recruitment and not sign a bid card.

WHY ARE THOSE FACES COVERED?
Any face you see that has been blocked out belongs to a member who has disaffiliated. They are NOT ex-members.

1. There’s a fine line between looking your best and going to prom. You want to look nice, but sequins, beads, and long formal dresses are a little over the top.

2. Be aware of the temperature and humidity. It’s late summer in Georgia, so look for the temperature to be very high with high humidity. Lightweight dresses are strongly suggested, as are colors that may not show sweat.

3. Don’t believe all the rumors you hear about sororities at UWG. If it sounds crazy, it probably is. Also, be careful what you say about sororities to those around you. You never know what sorority someone’s sister or best friend could be in, and you want to be respectful of everyone’s opinion.

4. The sorority members in the house are as nervous are you are.

5. Don’t bring a super nice purse or bag. You will NOT be able to bring ANYTHING into the houses, so no one will see what you’re carrying. This means you will have to leave your purse with your Rho Gamma, and will not have it until the day is over.

6. Stay hydrated, drink plenty of water.

7. USE YOUR RHO GAMMA. They really are there for you to answer any questions or talk to.

8. Look natural. Sororities want to see the real you. Wear makeup, but remember, recruitment is not a glamour shot.

9. Don’t be discouraged if the house you always wanted doesn’t turn out to be a good fit. Really do keep an open mind and trust the process. You will be surprised how things work out.

10. Things we wish we had brought:
   a. Extra bobby pins
   b. Extra ponytail holder
   c. Hair brush
   d. Powder
   e. Snacks, mints
   f. Water
   g. Camera
   h. Lipgloss/chapstick
NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Alpha Gamma Delta

CHAPTER DESIGNATION: Gamma Tau

NATIONAL FOUNDING DATE: May 30, 1904

LOCAL FOUNDING DATE: April 3, 1971

COLORS: Red, Buff, and Green

MASCOT: Squirrel

FLOWER: Red and Buff Roses

JEWEL: Pearl

MOTTO: “Live with purpose”

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY: Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation (Juvenile Diabetes)

LOCAL PHILANTHROPY: Carroll County Battered Women’s Shelter, Diabetic Children’s Camps

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Alpha Xi Delta

CHAPTER DESIGNATION: Zeta Omega

NATIONAL FOUNDING DATE: April 17, 1893

LOCAL FOUNDING DATE: February 11, 1989

COLORS: Double Blue and Gold

MASCOT: BetXi Bear (Teddy Bear)

FLOWER: Pink Rose

MOTTO: “Inspiring women to realize their potential”

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY: Autism Speaks

LOCAL PHILANTHROPY: Cystic Fibrosis
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**NAME OF ORGANIZATION:** Kappa Delta

**CHAPTER DESIGNATION:** Delta Psi

**NATIONAL FOUNDING DATE:** October 23, 1897

**LOCAL FOUNDING DATE:** April 23, 1971

**COLORS:** Olive green and pearl white

**MASCOT:** Teddy Bear, Katydid, Nautilus Shell, Dagger

**FLOWER:** White Rose

**MOTTO:** Ta Kala Diokomen – “Let us strive for that which is honorable, beautiful and highest”

**NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY:** Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Prevent Child Abuse America, Children’s Hospital Richmond, Virginia, and Orthopedic Research Award

**LOCAL PHILANTHROPY:** Alice’s House, Local Girl Scout Troop, Shop with a Cop, Toys for Tots

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**NAME OF ORGANIZATION:** Phi Mu

**CHAPTER DESIGNATION:** Gamma Rho

**NATIONAL FOUNDING DATE:** January 4, 1852

**LOCAL FOUNDING DATE:** February 27, 1971

**COLORS:** Rose and White

**MASCOT:** Lion and Ladybug

**FLOWER:** Rose Colored Carnation

**MOTTO:** “Les Soeurs Fideles,” meaning “The Faithful Sisters”

**NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY:** Children’s Miracle Network

**LOCAL PHILANTHROPY:** Children’s Miracle Network
NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Sigma Kappa

CHAPTER DESIGNATION: Kappa Tau

NATIONAL FOUNDING DATE: November 9, 1874

LOCAL FOUNDING DATE: April 2, 2011

COLORS: Maroon and Lavender

MASCOT: Dove and Heart

FLOWER: Wild Purple Violet

MOTTO: “One Heart, One Way”

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY: Alzheimer’s Philanthropy and Maine Seacoast Mission

LOCAL PHILANTHROPY: Inherit the Earth

BELOW IS A LIST OF TERMS COMMONLY USED THROUGHOUT SORORITY LIFE:

ALUMNA: A sorority member who has graduated from college. Some organizations confer alumni status after an initiate has been an active member for four or more years. Plural = Alumnae

ALUMNUS (“ALUM”): A fraternity member who has graduated from college. Some organizations confer alumni status after an initiate has been an active member for four or more years. Plural = Alumni

BADGE/PIN: The symbol worn by the initiated member of a Greek letter organization.

BID: An invitation from a sorority to a woman to become a new member.

BID DAY: The day bids are given out to potential new members.

BIG SISTER: An initiated member of a sorority with whom a new member is paired.

CHAPTER ADVISOR: An alumna who establishes and maintains a close advisory relationship with a chapter and serves as a teacher, counselor, and friend.

DUES: These are the membership, philanthropic, and other fees paid to the local chapter of a sorority or fraternity in order to be a member in good standing, and for the local chapter to stay in good standing with its national organization.
**INITIATION:** A formal, ritual ceremony through which new members become full members of a Greek organization.

**LAVALIER:** A piece of jewelry depicting the letters of one’s organization.

**LEGACY:** A student who has a sister, mother, aunt, or grandmother who is a member of a particular sorority. Legacies are often granted special consideration in the membership recruitment process but never guaranteed membership.

**LITTLE SISTER:** The new member of a sorority that is paired up with a Big Sister.

**NEW MEMBER:** A student in her first semester of membership in a sorority (before being initiated).

**NEW MEMBER PIN:** A pin that designates a new member of a Greek organization.

**PHILANTHROPY:** The chapter’s specific charitable organization(s) to which they donate money and volunteer hours.

**PNM:** Potential New Member, that's YOU!

**QUOTA:** The number of women each sorority may pledge in a formal recruitment period.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Sometimes a potential member may not be a legacy, but she may know an alumna of a sorority chapter. In these cases, the alumna may choose to write a recommendation or letter of introduction to the chapter of the sorority of which she is a member. This letter generally is a means by which the sorority can get to know a bit more about a potential member since Recruitment events are so short and often hurried in conversation. It is not necessary to have any letters of recommendation to go through the recruitment process.

**RECRUITMENT:** A series of events offering members and potential members the opportunity to get to know each other.

**RITUAL:** The traditional ceremonies of a chapter, which are usually secret.

**SISTER:** An initiated member of a sorority.

**SISTERHOOD/BROTHERHOOD:** Intangible, yet the most cherished of assets among all Greek members, sisterhood and brotherhood are the foundations of sorority and fraternity life. Both are difficult to explain, but they can be basically characterized by their most common and identifiable element.

**SOCIAL:** The Greek community at UWG offers a well-rounded social life, and provides the opportunity for developing lifelong friendships. Many activities are organized not only to become closer to one’s sisters and brothers, but to members of other chapters as well. Men and women get together for original theme parties, and informal or formal dances that provide many rewarding and fun memories.

**SORORITY:** An individual Greek letter organization for women. This is the term commonly used to distinguish between men’s (fraternities) and women’s (sororities) organizations. Some sororities are identified as a fraternity (or fraternity for women) in their official name.

**STRICT SILENCE:** During the recruitment process, it is important to not discuss your experience with anyone other than your Rho Gamma or Panhellenic Exec members.
**OPEN Rounds (Day 1)**
This is the day where you get to meet all seven sororities on campus! It is your longest day, so please make sure to wear comfortable shoes.

**Philanthropy Day (Day 2)**
This is the day where you learn a bit about each sorority’s philanthropy. You also will be making crafts to donate to their local or national philanthropy. Your shirt will be provided. You may be sitting on the floor in some houses.

**Fraternity Values Day (Day 3)**
This day each sorority plays a video and talks about how values shape their sorority experience.

**Preference**
Preference is a formal ceremony where you learn more about the sorority and the special meaning it has to its members.

**Bid Day**
This is the day when you join a new sorority and meet all your new sisters. Please wear flats because you will be running to your new home!
PANHELLENIC EXECUTIVE BOARD
Panhellic is the umbrella organization for the 26 national sororities. Panhellic is responsible for planning sorority recruitment and other programs and activities that are beneficial to all the sororities on campus.

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VP INTERNAL

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VP PUBLIC RELATIONS
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VP ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

TORI
VP EXTERNAL

RHO GAMMAS
At the beginning of the recruitment process, you will be assigned a Rho Gamma, or a Recruitment Guide. A Rho Gamma is a member of one of the seven sororities on campus, but for the duration of recruitment she has promised not to reveal her sorority affiliation in order to be unbiased. Her job is to help you through your recruitment process and answer any questions you may have.

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Letters of recommendation or introduction forms are not required, but are accepted. Letters of recommendation can be mailed to the chapters.

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**GPA MINIMUMS**

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