We are so excited to welcome you and your student to the Lumberjack family. College provides amazing opportunities for learning, personal growth, and relationship building. We hope that the next several years are full of enjoyable and memorable moments that you can share with your student.

At Stephen F. Austin State University, there are countless ways for your student to get involved. While academic life is certainly the primary focus of your student’s time at SFA, involvement in activities and organizations is an important part of the collegiate experience. The Greek Community at SFA has a long history of excellence and is a great way for your student to enhance his/her undergraduate experience. The Greek Community provides an immediate connection to a close-knit group of men and women. Greek Life also provides opportunities for leadership, scholastic supports, community service, and philanthropy. Fraternity men and sorority women are the most active leaders on campus and can introduce your student to a multitude of other student organizations and leadership opportunities. Participation in fraternity and sorority life is a great way to ensure a well-rounded undergraduate experience. Your student is about to embark on one of the greatest adventures of their lifetime. Please consider the Greek experience as a part of that journey.

Axe’em Jacks!
Go Greek!

What is my role as a parent?

Take the time to find out more about the Greek Community at SFA. You can visit chapters’ national websites or SFA's Greek Life website at http://www.sfasu.edu/greeklife.

- Ask questions about what the organizations will offer your student and allow your student to make the best decision for themselves.

Chapters are different at every campus, so allow your student to choose the group with whom they feel most comfortable.

- Keep an open mind. Even though you may or may not have been a member of a Greek organization does not mean that it is or is not the choice for your son/daughter.

- Discuss the financial obligations with your student. Determine who will pay for what and the limits.

- Be Involved! If your student chooses to join a chapter, there will be opportunities for families to be involved.

- Above all, be supportive!
**Benefits of Chapter Membership**

Coming to college is one of the major life changes that your student will experience. Joining a Greek organization can help make the transition easier. The Greek experience is multifaceted and offers numerous opportunities to your student. They will develop life-long friendships with members in their chapters, as well as the rest of the Greek community. For many members, these organizations become a home away from home. In addition to brotherhood/sisterhood, every chapter is dedicated to enhancing leadership, scholarship, and philanthropy/service through various programs and opportunities. It will be up to your student to determine the level of involvement they want to have in the organization and what kind of experience it will be for them. The friendships your student will make through their chapter can also last into post college years. Greeks have national networks for members to use for securing jobs and advancing their careers. Membership in a chapter is a life-long experience that the members and the sorority/fraternity enjoy together. Joining now is really an investment in your student’s future as they will reap the benefits now and for a lifetime. Wherever a member decides to reside after college, chances are they will be able to find other members of their sorority/fraternity.

**Time Commitment**

While each chapter differs in what it requires of its members, there are certainly time commitments for fraternity and sorority affairs. Chapters normally have:
- Weekly membership meeting
- New members meetings
- Executive board meetings
- Study hours

Additionally, Greek organizations host special events during the year which members normally attend such as:
- Philanthropies
- Socials
- Recruitment
- Initiation

Check with each chapter about its individual member requirements.

**Financial Information**

The Greek experience is an investment in your student’s future. The leadership skills, academic assistance, and friendship will benefit your student beyond their college days. Greek organizations are quite affordable and all fees provide services that will positively impact your student. Dues directly support the betterment of the chapter and the national organization.

- Many students work to supplement funding for their dues.
- Chapters may offer scholarships and grants.
- Many chapters have monthly payment plans.

We encourage students to ask questions related to finances during the recruitment process. We also encourage you to be “hands on” in this decision if you have any questions about the obligations regarding finances. Chapter costs will vary.

- IFC: $500-$800 annually
- NPC: $1000-$1500 one time new member dues
- NPC: $650-$900/semester for members

The price of living in a fraternity or sorority house is comparable to, if not cheaper than, many other housing units on or off campus.
Principles To Live By...

Scholarship

Above all else, your student’s reason for attending college is purely academic. Chapters require at least a 2.5 grade point average in order to be initiated. Each individual chapter also sets its own academic standards and requirements for its members to remain in good standing. Students often find time management difficult when moving from a highly structured high school environment to the freedom of college. Greek membership assists in that transition by offering scholarship programs that may include study partners, mandatory study hours, and time management workshops. Most chapters elect a scholarship chair who assists with these efforts and upholds chapter standards. Some chapters even offer scholarships for academic achievement. Your student can access the network of chapter members who already know how to use campus resources like the library, tutors, computer labs, and academic advisors. Nothing, however, can take the place of a disciplined and academically focused student to ensure success in college. Thanks, in part, to the chapters’ academic goals and these programs, many chapters’ cumulative grade point average exceeds a 2.5.

Leadership

Greek life abounds with opportunities to get involved in leadership roles within each chapter, as well as on campus. Officer positions are available within each chapter, but chapters also encourage their members to get involved as leaders in other campus organizations such as service groups and student government. Involvement in these different areas will provide your student with a well-rounded college experience, a benefit that will last far beyond graduation.

Friendship

Being in a sorority/fraternity is about making friendships that will last far beyond your student’s college years. Their sorority sisters or fraternity brothers are there to support and mentor, to help make the transition to college both easy and fun. Sisterhood and brotherhood mean more than wearing letters, attending meetings, or going to socials. It is a feeling and sense of belonging. It is being respected for individuality and knowing your sisters and brothers will be there to help out along the way.

Chapters Above All: University GPA (Spring ‘14)
- Alpha Chi Omega
- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Chi Omega
- Delta Delta Delta
- Delta Tau Delta
- Delta Zeta
- Kappa Delta Chi
- Mu Sigma Upsilon
- Pi Kappa Phi
- Sigma Lambda Beta
- Sigma Lambda Gamma
- Zeta Phi Beta
- Zeta Tau Alpha

“Letters today, Leaders tomorrow.”
Membership in a Greek organization provides an opportunity to give back to the community. Most sororities/fraternities sponsor philanthropic events to raise money for a number of charities including, Children’s Miracle Network, Make-A-Wish, Susan G. Komen Foundation, and the Ronald McDonald House to name a few. Additionally, many chapters participate in service projects in and around the Nacogdoches area such as The Big Event, MLK Day of Service, Habitat for Humanity, and have sponsored highways.

Hazing
SFA is unequivocally opposed to any activity by an organization or individual(s) within the organization that is herein defined as hazing. Hazing is considered as any intentional, knowing or reckless act occurring on or off campus by one person alone or acting with others, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a currently enrolled or prospective student for the purpose of new member intake, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in that organization.

Alcohol
SFA provides alcohol/drug abuse prevention service which is available to all students. Services include assistance in abstaining from the use of chemical substances, early intervention when chemical abuse is detected, and referral to a campus support system and/or a community referral for inpatient/outpatient services not available on campus.

Alumni
The undergraduate executive board for each chapter is overseen by volunteer alumni advisors that assist with chapter operations and procedures. Chapters hold events every year to stay connected with alumni and honor them for their past service in their fraternity or sorority.

Alcohol & Anti-Hazing Policies

“First you’re a part of it, then it becomes a part of you.”
Greek Councils: Interfraternity

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) is the governing body of 16 national fraternities on campus. IFC seeks to provide active, educational programming, scholarship initiatives, philanthropic and service events, and social activities for member chapters. IFC is also responsible for organizing formal recruitment in the fall. Men participating in formal recruitment have the opportunity to visit all of the IFC chapters throughout the week to learn more about the individual organizations.

- Alpha Gamma Rho
- Alpha Tau Omega
- Delta Chi
- Delta Tau Delta
- Kappa Alpha Order
- Kappa Sigma
- Phi Delta Theta
- Phi Kappa Psi
- Pi Kappa Phi
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Sigma Alpha Mu
- Sigma Chi
- Sigma Nu
- Sigma Tau Gamma
- Tau Kappa Epsilon
- Theta Chi

National Pan-Hellenic Council

The Panhellenic Council (NPC) is the governing body of 5 national sororities on the Stephen F. Austin campus. NPC strives to maintain the highest standards of excellence for the sorority community. The all-sorority grade point average consistently remains higher than the all-university women’s grade point average. The council works to provide quality education programming for member chapters, as well as opportunities to participate in philanthropic, service, and social activities.

Additionally, NPC organizes formal recruitment every fall. During formal recruitment, non-affiliated women are invited to visit and learn about each chapter. Formal recruitment is during the fall semester.

- Alpha Chi Omega
- Chi Omega
- Delta Delta Delta
- Delta Zeta
- Zeta Tau Alpha

National Pan-Hellenic Council

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is the governing body for the 6 historically African American Greek-letter organizations on the Stephen F. Austin campus. NPHC organizations embrace a lifetime commitment philosophy and aim to assure the continuance of academic achievement, political awareness, and community service. The organizations on campus will individually announce their membership selection/intake process during the fall and spring semesters. NPHC-affiliated organizations typically do not accept a student for membership until the student has completed at least 12-24 hours of college with a minimum grade point average as determined by their national organization.

- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Alpha Phi Alpha
- Delta Sigma Theta
- Phi Beta Sigma
- Omega Psi Phi
- Zeta Phi Beta

Multicultural Greek Council

The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) is the governing body for our six historically Multicultural and Latino fraternities and sororities at Stephen F. Austin. MGC’s purpose is to unify and organize students that seek to promote diversity and cohesion on campus and in the community, encourage cooperation and harmony among member organizations, provide educational programs and service the needs and wants of member organizations, take an active role in community service activities, and serve as a liaison between university authorities and member organizations in matters of common interest.
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Order of Omega

Order of Omega is a national leadership honor society for members of Fraternity & Sorority organizations. Order of Omega recognizes juniors and seniors who have exemplified high standards in the areas of scholarship, leadership, involvement within their respective organizations and within the Fraternity/Sorority community, campus, and local community. Members are selected from the top 3% of students at each institution. To date, over 500 chapters have been chartered throughout North America, each sharing the common goal of recognizing the many outstanding student leaders at their institutions.

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