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2010
Panhellenic
RECRUITMENT

Sorority Recruitment Schedule

August 13, 2010

Meet the Greeks

8 p.m.

Gleason Performing Arts Center

August 24, 2010

Information Night

7 p.m.

Crawford Building, Room 112

August 25, 2010

Philanthropy Night

7 p.m.

Crawford Building, Room 112

August 26, 2010

Preferential Tea

7 p.m.

Crawford Building, Room 112

August 27, 2010

Bid Day

7 p.m.

Hartley Room, Denius Student Center

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To All You New Students:

I recently graduated from Florida Tech and was named 2010's Greek Goddess. In Greek Life, I found a support group for my pursuits, an outlet for my creativity, a network for my career development and, most memorably, the strongest group of unconditional friends imaginable.

As a freshman, I had no plans to join a sorority. I had this preconceived notion that sorority life revolved around gossip, parties and cliques; and that it was a despicable, but often condoned form of social elitism. What I found at Florida Tech was quite the opposite. I discovered being Greek is not at all about separating yourself from the masses, but rather about emerging yourself more fully into the campus community, about getting—and giving—the most from your college experience.

My first semester of freshman year, I didn't participate in Greek Life, but I did just about everything else on campus. I joined organizations for academics, community service, athletics and social networking. Then it dawned on me. I can join one organization that combines all these values—a Greek organization!

When you go Greek, you not only get the benefits of about five organizations in one, you also build an immense sense of self and selflessness. You learn when you should step up and lead, and when you should step back and support by following another's lead.

I wish you the best as you embark on your own incredible journey.

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Jackman



The purpose of the Greek Goddess award is to honor a member of the Florida Tech Sorority community who has exemplified those principles and standards that are the aim of every Greek. Each Greek Week a new Greek Goddess is crowned and this year's Greek Goddess is ...
Jennifer Jackman.



Florida Institute of Technology

Office of the President

Welcome to Florida Tech!

You are now a member of a community of scholars who have chosen to live in near-Paradise. This is the future of higher education for a technological global economy.

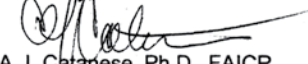
Your main reason for joining this community is to achieve the good life by devoting your energy and talents to the pursuit of excellence in academics. The education you will pursue can be enhanced by participation in the traditions and culture of Greek life on campus.

As a young student I eagerly pledged a fraternity. The brotherhood offered me a context and environment for higher education that I wanted. It expanded my experiences and provided me with a support base. Like Florida Tech itself, this was a technological education with a human touch.

Florida Tech is a very special place in a fantastic setting with many opportunities. Yet you must decide for yourself how to take full advantage of this rich diversity of experiences. For me, the Greek community was a great way to make decisions, meet new friends, and enjoy events. The tradition of service so inherent in Greek culture was a lifelong lesson.

Consider the advantages of fraternities and sororities as a new member of the Florida Tech community.

Sincerely,



A.J. Catanese, Ph.D., FAICP
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Panhellenic Council

Dear Potential Florida Tech Greek,

Congratulations on your decision to seek membership into a Greek organization! On behalf of the entire Panhellenic community, we would like to extend our warmest welcome and hope that you will take advantage of the wonderful week ahead of you. We have been working extremely hard in order to ensure that your experience will be both enjoyable and memorable.

This booklet will serve as a guidebook for you as you embark on this first journey into sorority life at Florida Tech. Use it to learn more about our community and to answer any questions that you may have. Remember to keep an open mind and have a positive attitude, but most importantly, be yourself.

The next four years will go by quickly, so enjoy it as much as possible!

With warmest regards,

Brittany Parker, Panhellenic President
Jilian Daniel, Membership Vice President



Brittany Parker
President



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Rho Chis

During the week of Recruitment, you will be assigned to a Recruitment Counselor, also known as a Rho Chi. You can find them easily throughout Recruitment week by looking for their red shirts. This past fall, Rho Chis were selected from our three NPC chapters. Each woman is uniquely different whether it is their personalities, diverse interests or different experiences when they went through recruitment. Although each woman is a member of a sorority here at Florida Tech, they are disaffiliated throughout Recruitment for the benefit of you and our Panhellenic community as a whole. They will not be linked to their chapter in any way in order to have an unbiased opinion. In order to respect the Rho Chis, please do not ask or attempt to find out the sorority in which she belongs. All of the Rho Chis will reveal their affiliation during Bid Day on August 27, 2010.



Scholarship

The purpose of college is to receive an education, and the Florida Tech sororities are fully dedicated to the values of academic achievement. In order to facilitate this, organizations provide an environment in which each member can achieve academic success. Most chapters have specific scholarship programs that encourage each member to strive for academic excellence. Chapters do this by regulating study hours, maintaining resource files, rewarding those who do well and helping those with difficulties.

Traditionally, the all-sorority GPA is higher than the all-women undergraduate GPA at Florida Tech. Sorority women are represented in many college honor societies such as Phi Eta Sigma, Beta Beta Beta, etc. The Panhellenic Council supports academic excellence by hosting academic excellence banquets and presenting several scholarship awards each year.

Leadership

One of the biggest benefits you can receive from being in a sorority is the opportunity for leadership. Greek life gives you the opportunity for not only leadership in your chapter, but on campus as well. Greeks at Florida Tech make up 15% of the student body and hold a majority of the leadership positions on campus.

No matter where you look on the Florida Tech campus, Greeks are in the spotlight. Greeks are heavily involved in Student Government Association, Campus Activities Board, Orientation, professional and honor societies, athletics and much more.

Service

Sororities at Florida Tech spend thousands of hours and raise thousands of dollars each semester for various charities. Each Greek organization has at least one philanthropy that they host events for each semester in order to raise money and awareness.

Sisterhood

One of the most defining aspects of life as a sorority woman is the indescribable relationships that women form with one another. This bond of sisterhood is a lifelong friendship that is cultivated through chapter activities and relationships. During the new member period, members will become close with other members of their class, delve into the history and founding principles of their chapter, and learn the greatest aspects of being Greek at Florida Tech.

In order to maximize the benefits of Greek membership, the Panhellenic Council does not tolerate hazing as part of the new member period, in accordance with university policy.

Greek life is an unforgettable experience that molds and shapes students. Members of each chapter share similar goals, values and ideals, providing students with a sense of acceptance and belonging. Sisters are there to share the college experience, but they also remain close for years to come.



Financial Obligations

At Florida Tech, each sorority determines its own dues based on individual chapter needs. This money typically goes toward national dues, house corporation dues, social events, philanthropic activities and administrative costs. Please review this section carefully and familiarize yourself with what each chapter charges so that you will not be surprised about your financial obligations after you join. Some sororities collect money at different times of the year for various things, but this list represents the total amount that a chapter will charge a member throughout the entire year. Sororities do cost money, but it is an investment in your college career and future.

Please note:

Dues are higher during the first semester because of one-time charges including badge fees and new member dues.

Most chapters offer payment plans for dues so that you can pay in installments rather than paying all at once.

Money should NEVER be the reason you feel you should not choose a certain organization. There is always a way!

Fees

Alpha Phi

Fall:
Dues \$211.38
Parlor Fees: \$125

Spring:
Dues \$150
Parlor Fees: \$125

Gamma Phi Beta

Semester Dues: \$300

Summer Dues: \$275

Phi Sigma Sigma

New Members:
Local Fall and Spring: \$68
Headquarters Fall and Spring: \$300

Total = \$368

**Fees subject to change from Headquarters*

Potential New Member Bill of Rights

The right to be treated as an individual.

The right to be fully informed about the recruitment process.

The right to ask questions and receive true objective answers from recruitment counselors and members.

The right to be treated with respect.

The right to be treated as a capable and mature person without being patronized.

The right to ask how and why and receive straight answers.

The right to have and express opinions to recruitment counselors.

The right to have inviolable confidentiality when sharing information with recruitment counselors.

The right to make informed choices without undue pressure from others.

The right to be fully informed about the binding agreements implicit in the preference card signing.

The right to make ones own choices and decision and accept full responsibility for the results of that decision.

The right to have a positive, safe and enriching recruitment and new member experience.

Panhellenic Creed

We, as Undergraduate Members of women's fraternities, stand for good scholarship, for guarding of good health, for maintenance of fine standards, and for serving, to the best of our ability, our college community. Cooperation for furthering fraternity life, in harmony with its best possibilities, is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, as Fraternity Women, stand for service through the development of character inspired by the close contact and deep friendship of individual fraternity and Panhellenic life. The opportunity for wide and wise human service, through mutual respect and helpfulness, is the tenet by which we strive to live.

—Adopted by the National Panhellenic Conference



Alpha Phi

Founded:
October 10, 1872

Chapter: Theta Zeta

Nickname: APhi

Colors:
Silver and Bordeaux

Philanthropy:
The Alpha Phi Foundation—
Focusing on Cardiac Health

Famous Alumni:
Jeri Ryan, Rosemarie DeWitt,
Kimberly Williams-Paisley

New Member Period:
6 Weeks

New Member Dues:
\$381.38 Initiation Fee

Active Member Dues:
\$171.38 plus
\$100 Parlor Fees



<http://activities.fit.edu/panhellenic>



Gamma Phi Beta

Founded:
November 11, 1874

Chapter: Delta Sigma

Nickname: Gamma Phi

Colors:
National—Light and Dark Brown, Chapter—Pink and Black

Philanthropy:
Yellow Ribbon Project and Campfire USA

Famous Alumni:
Kristin Chenoweth, Bailey Hanks, Laurel Clark

New Member Period:
8 Weeks

New Member Dues:
\$300 plus badge purchase (\$70 and up)

Active Member Dues:
\$300 per semester



Phi Sigma Sigma

Founded:
November 26, 1913

Chapter: Iota Eta

Nickname: Phi Sig

Colors:
King Blue and Gold

Philanthropy:
National Kidney Foundation

Famous Alumni:
Marian S. Rosen, Irna Phillips, Elaine Garzarelli

New Member Period:
4–5 Weeks

New Member Dues:
\$368

Active Member Dues:
Fall—\$403, Spring—\$277



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