Welcome to the Saint Louis University Greek Community!

MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the Greek Community of Saint Louis University is the pursuit of excellence through the development of five pillars: scholarship, philanthropy and service, leadership, fraternal bonds, and spirituality. We aim to enrich the lives of our members, sustain the lifelong bond with our alumni, and foster positive relationships with the SLU community and greater Saint Louis area. Our mission will be achieved through effective communication with those we exist to support, promotion of personal accountability and development, and support and respect for ourselves and others. We strive to maintain the values and beliefs set forth by the founders of each individual organization as well as the university, and to promote the traditions and continuation of a united Greek Life, ultimately providing a supportive environment where individuals can grow, thrive, and succeed.

VISION STATEMENT
The Saint Louis University Greek Community will become the embodiment of the virtues and values set forth by our founders, and will provide opportunities to new and existing students to help them become better men and women in service to each other, fraternity, and the greater SLU Community.

http://gogreek.slu.edu
How To Join

Fraternity and Sorority Recruitment is an excellent way to meet new people and become involved in campus life.

All sororities participate in formal recruitment in the beginning of the fall semester. Formal recruitment is a structured process, where women have the opportunity to interact with the different chapters and narrow down their choices to ultimately find the one that is the best fit. Some sororities may also host an informal recruitment period during the spring semester.

Fraternities have both fall and spring recruitment. Activities include going to the driving range, hosting barbeques, paintballing, laser tag, and other St. Louis outings. Interested men have the opportunity to attend events for one or more chapters and direct their own recruitment process.

Recruitment is a mutual selection process, where you decide which chapter you would like to join, just as the chapters decide which potential members they will invite for membership. It is your chance to learn more about Greek Life at SLU. Participating in recruitment does not obligate you to join a chapter. There is also no guarantee that you will receive an invitation to join. If you are willing to consider all of the options available though, the odds are very high that you will find yourself associated with a great organization that can provide many opportunities for friendship and involvement. Without a doubt, you will meet many new and unique people and could become part of a community dedicated to enhancing your college experience and life.

Consider going Greek!

Did you know?
Fraternity and sorority members at SLU consistently achieve an all-Greek G.P.A. that is higher than the all-undergraduate G.P.A.
Go Greek
Mark Your Calendars!

Welcome Week
Get Involved
Info Sessions
Saturday, August 24
3:30, 4:00, or 4:30 pm
Busch Student Center

Fraternity and Sorority
Snack Attack
Wednesday, August 27
7:30-9 pm
Quad
Includes an outdoor movie

Fraternity Recruitment 2008
Let us know you’re interested!
Fill out an interest form at http://gogreek.slu.edu.

Fraternity Info Night
Thursday, August 28
4 pm or 6 pm
Busch Student Center

Fraternity Recruitment Kickoff BBQ
Wednesday, September 3
4 – 6 pm
Simon Recreation Center
Outdoor Pools

Fraternity Chapter Recruitment Events
Thursday, September 4 – Thursday, September 11

http://gogreek.slu.edu
Benefits of Membership

Fraternities and sororities are not just social groups. They are values-based organizations that provide a number of benefits for its members, including sisterhood and brotherhood, academic support, leadership opportunities, personal development, and the opportunity to give back through philanthropy and service.

Sorority Recruitment 2008
Register online at: http://slu.mycampusdirector.com

Sorority Info Night
Thursday, August 28
5 pm or 7 pm
Busch Student Center

Formal Recruitment Registration Deadline
Friday, August 29
5 pm
Registration Fee: $35

Formal Recruitment Tentative Schedule of Events
Recruitment Small Group Meetings
Monday, September 1
Rotationals Round
Wednesday, September 3
Philanthropy Round
Thursday, September 4
Invitationals Round
Friday, September 5
Preference Round
Saturday, September 6
Bid Day
Sunday, September 7
Academics
• Academics are the first and foremost priority for fraternity and sorority members at SLU.
• Our community strives for academic success and we are proud to report that the All-Greek GPA is higher than the All-Undergraduate GPA.
• Greek organizations facilitate study groups, study skills workshops, and mentoring programs to promote high academic achievement.
• Chapters offer scholarships and other academic incentives to members.
• Chapter involvement helps maintain a healthy balance between academics and extra-curricular activities.
• Each fall the community hosts an Academic Recognition Night to recognize those demonstrating high achievement in the classroom.

Leadership and Involvement
• Each chapter offers numerous leadership positions for its members, even in the first year of membership.
• Greek students are leaders not only in their own organization but also in other student groups on campus. Fraternity and sorority members hold offices in:
  • Student Government Association (SGA)
  • Student Activities Board (SAB)
  • Residence Hall Association (RHA)
  • SLU 101, Oriflamme and University 101
  • SLU Ambassadors
• Each Greek organization offers both regional and national leadership conferences, where students can meet fellow Greeks and learn essential leadership skills.
• Chapter members are also encouraged to take advantage of leadership programs offered through Student Life, including the iLEAD program, REACH Women’s Leadership Program, and many other opportunities.

Did you know?
College graduates who were members of a fraternity or sorority tend to be more financially successful than those graduates not in Greek organizations.
**Philanthropy and Service**

- Each fraternity and sorority supports at least one charitable cause, whether on a local or national level.
- Some of the organizations chapters are involved in include Habitat for Humanity, Ronald McDonald House, Service for Sight, Children’s Miracle Network and Relay for Life.
- Although each Greek organization has their individual philanthropy, every chapter eagerly supports and participates in the various weeks.
- SLU Greeks have dedicated over 279,078 hours of service in the last four years.
- Greek members also involve themselves in direct service to the community including working with inner-city youth and dedicating their time in improving the St. Louis area through the Great Greek Compact.

**Spiritual and Personal Development**

SLU Greeks are united through their ritual and spirituality.
- Chapter retreats place emphasis on spirituality and personal growth while also strengthening brotherhood and sisterhood.
- Chapter members are also involved in all types of faith-based organizations on campus.
- Demattias Hall hosts masses each week for different chapters so that chapters can express their faith together.
- The Jesuit Mission is identified within the Greek community and aligns with many of the values of our organizations.
Greek Activities

GREEK WEEK
• Greek Week is a weeklong celebration in spring when all sororities and fraternities come together to show off their Greek spirit and chapter pride.

BROTHERHOOD AND SISTERHOOD EVENTS
• Brotherhood and Sisterhood events are opportunities for Greeks to grow closer to their fellow members and develop lifelong friendships.

• Chapter activities include: picnics, roller skating, movie and tv nights, sporting events, brotherhood and sisterhood dinners, game nights, and much more!

INTRAMURALS
• Throughout the year the Simon Recreation Center offers competitive Greek intramural leagues including football, soccer, basketball, and volleyball. Chapter members enjoy participating in athletics together.

Housing
One exciting benefit of fraternity and sorority membership is the opportunity to live together with your brothers and sisters.

• Although there isn’t a “Greek Row” at Saint Louis University, Demattias Hall serves as the home to our community.

• The all-Greek residence hall houses over 250 Greek residents and features chapter rooms where fraternities and sororities have a place for chapter business, studying, and spending time together.

• Living in DeMatt is a great opportunity to live among members of your own chapter, as well as other groups.

Want more information?
http://www.slu.edu/services/residence/
Greek Support

Greek Life is advised through the Department of Student Life. The Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life serves as a resource to the Greek community, the governing councils, national organizations, chapter and faculty advisors, and students.

The following resources are provided through the Greek Community:
- Events including the New Member Forum, Leadership Transition Retreat, Greek Week, Order of Omega Awards, and Membership Recruitment
- Greek Life Web site: http://gogreek.slu.edu
- Fraternity and Sorority reports
- Policy enforcement
- Liaison to campus departments
- Leadership training within the community

Contact Kirstin Leih, Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life at kleih@slu.edu or 314-977-2805.

Did you know?
Over 85% of the student leaders on some 730 campuses are involved in the Greek community.
SLU
Fraternity & Sorority Chapters

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC)
Consider joining one of our eleven IFC fraternities:

Alpha Delta Gamma - ΑΔΓ
Beta Theta Pi - ΒΘΠ
Delta Sigma Phi - ΔΣΦ
Kappa Delta Rho - ΚΔΡ
Phi Delta Theta - ΦΔΘ
Phi Kappa Theta - ΦΚΘ
Sigma Alpha Epsilon - ΣΑΕ
Sigma Chi - ΣΧ
Sigma Phi Epsilon - ΣΦΕ
Sigma Tau Gamma - ΣΤΓ
Tau Kappa Epsilon - ΤΚΕ

PANHELLENIC COUNCIL
Check out our six Panhellenic Council sororities:

Alpha Delta Pi - ΑΔΠ
Delta Gamma - ΔΓ
Gamma Phi Beta - ΓΦΒ
Kappa Delta - ΚΔ
Sigma Kappa - ΣΚ
Zeta Tau Alpha – ΖΤΑ

Did you know?
Celebrities such as Bob Barker, Harrison Ford, David Letterman, Vanessa Williams, Margaret Chase Smith (1st woman senator), and Dr. Seuss were all Greek.
Historically Black Greek Organizations

Nine historically black fraternities and sororities comprise the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC).

SIGMA GAMMA RHO
Saint Louis University is home to Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated, a historically black sorority. Founded in 1922 by seven young educators, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority’s aim is to enhance the quality of life within the community. Public service, leadership development and education of youth are the hallmark of the organization’s programs and activities. Sigma Gamma Rho addresses concerns that impact society educationally, civically, and economically. Candidates may be accepted for undergraduate membership after successfully completing one quarter, semester, or trimester. The cumulative grade point average required for membership is 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

Learn more about Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. at http://www.sgrho1922.org/.

For additional information about the SLU chapter, please Contact Kathleen Foster, Graduate Chapter Advisor at fosterk@umsl.edu or 314-516-5527.

CITY-WIDE CHAPTERS
In addition, there are city-wide chapters of the other eight historically Black Greek-letter fraternities and sororities in St. Louis. Because chapters include students from Saint Louis University, Washington University, Harris-Stowe State University, The University of Missouri-St. Louis, and other campuses, the organizations are not recognized student organizations at Saint Louis University.
Upcoming Events

Are you interested in learning more about the “Divine Nine”? Check out these Welcome Back Week Events

Historically Black Greek Panel
Thursday, August 28
6 pm
Busch Student Center, Room 173

Black Student Alliance Step Show and Party
Friday, August 29
7 pm
Busch Student Center, Multipurpose Room

Did you know?
In a recent 2-year study at the University of Missouri examining the long-term benefits of membership in a fraternity or sorority showed:

• College graduates who were members of a fraternity or sorority tend to be more financially successful than those graduates not in Greek organizations.

• Sorority and fraternity members participate in more campus activities and in more community service after college than others.
Greek Glossary

Here are some of the terms used within fraternities and sororities.

**Active** – a fully-initiated undergraduate member of a fraternity or sorority

**Alumnus/Alumna** – an initiated fraternity/sorority member who has graduated from the university

**Bid** – a formal invitation from a chapter asking a prospective member to join

**Chapter** – the local membership of a national fraternity or sorority

**Colony** – a fraternity or sorority that has received recognition from the university and governing councils but is not yet a fully-recognized chapter by their national organization and governing council

**Fraternity** – a greek-letter organization that may comprised of men and/or women

**Social Function** – a social event hosted by a fraternity or sorority

**Greek** – the name applied to affiliated fraternity and sorority members

**Initiation** – the traditional ritual or ceremony in which a new member becomes a full

**Interfraternity Council** – the campus governing council of men’s fraternities

**Invite** – an official invitation to come back and meet the members of a chapter

**Legacy** – a woman whose mother, sister or grandmother is an alumna of a sorority; a man whose father, brother or grandfather is an alumni of a fraternity

**Membership Intake** – membership selection process used by NPHC fraternities and sororities

Did you know?

A U.S. Government study shows that over 70% of all those who join a fraternity/sorority graduate, while under 50% of all non-fraternity/sorority persons graduate.
National Panhellenic Conference – an organization composed of 26 member women’s sororities

National Pan-Hellenic Council – a governing organization of nine historically-African American fraternities and sororities

New Member – a prospective member from the time he/she accepts a bid to affiliate until the time he/she is initiated

New Member Program – a period of adjustment to Greek life, during which new members learn the history and values about the fraternity/sorority, its members and activities

North-American Interfraternity Conference – an organization composed of 58 member national men’s fraternities

Panhellenic Council – the campus governing council of women’s sororities

Philanthropy – a service project sponsored by a fraternity or sorority that raises money for a non-profit organization.

Potential/Prospective Member – undergraduate men and women who are participating in recruitment and are interested in joining a fraternity or sorority.

Recruitment/Rush – the membership recruitment and selection process held by fraternities and sororities

Ritual – Fraternity or sorority ritual may include ceremonies and symbols that are connected to the values and ideals of the organization. Some ritual is open to non-members, while some is only open to chapter members.

Sorority – a greek-letter organization that may comprised of women.