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On behalf of our community, welcome to Panhellenic Recruitment!

My name is Katherine Hess, and I am the Vice President of Panhellenic Recruitment. I am your liaison for everything Panhellenic, and your main navigator throughout the recruitment process. The first thing you are probably wondering is, “How do I know that Panhellenic recruitment is right for me?” Every woman in a chapter on campus has felt that exact same feeling. The ultimate deciding factor in my decision to go through Panhellenic Recruitment was the idea of being surrounded by strong women that I could aspire to become. That idea that I had as a freshman has become my reality. I am constantly surprised and challenged by the smart, complex women that surround me. This is not chapter-specific; it is community specific. Greek students at GW exemplify the qualities of being true Colonials and are routinely the most involved students on campus. As Panhellenic women, we strive for academic excellence, campus involvement, leadership and service. We have sisters on the Dean’s List, interning at the White House, volunteering abroad and becoming amazing contributors to bettering the world.

If you decide to sign up for Panhellenic recruitment, you will find a network of women that push you to be the best version of yourself. Deciding to sign up for formal recruitment was one of the best decisions I have ever made during my time here and I hope that this experience will be as rewarding for you as it has been for me.

All the best,

Katherine Hess

Vice President of Panhellenic Recruitment

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RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE

OPEN HOUSE ROUND: SEPTEMBER 16TH

Open house round consists of ten twenty minute meet and greets with all chapters represented on our campus. We encourage you to wear something casual and comfortable for this first night. At the end of this night, you will select your top seven chapters to attend the following day.

PHILANTHROPY ROUND: SEPTEMBER 17TH

Philanthropy round consists of up to seven thirty minute parties that focus on each chapter’s service and philanthropy efforts in the community and nationally. You will attend a maximum of seven parties or fewer. The attire for this round is casual but classy, a slight step up from night one. At the end of the night, you will select up to five chapters to return to the following day.

INVITATIONAL ROUND: SEPTEMBER 18TH

You will attend up to five forty-five minute parties. This night is special as each chapter will present information about their ideals, responsibilities, and bonds. Attire for this night is business casual. You will narrow their choices down to two final chapters.

PREFERENCE ROUND: SEPTEMBER 19TH

These parties will be very special as each chapter will share their preference ritual with you. You will attend up to two fifty minute parties, and will rank their preferences at the conclusion of the evening.

BID DAY: SEPTEMBER 20TH

This is the day when you and a sorority have made a mutual selection and you are offered an invitation, also known as a bid, to join the chapter.
Pi Rho Chis (PRC’S) are sorority women who have disaffiliated (along with the Panhellenic Executive Board) from their chapters to serve as your guides throughout the entire recruitment process. Once you register for recruitment, you will be assigned a Pi Rho Chi Group in the fall. Your PRC’s will be in contact with you throughout the fall semester. They will be there to answer all your questions and will remain impartial throughout your recruitment process and will help you throughout this exciting time!

PNM BILL OF RIGHTS

EACH PNM HAS:

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 and objective answers from recruitment counselors and members.

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 the 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 her own choice 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 period.

The right to not be persuaded by a sorority member to resign her bid to any sorority during her new member period.

Most importantly, a PNM reserves the right to voice concerns if they feel these rights are violated.
OUR VALUES

"We, the 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, the fraternity women, stand for service through the development of character inspired by 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.” - The Panhellenic Creed

LEADERSHIP
The Panhellenic community strives to develop leaders. Within chapters and within the Panhellenic council, there are many leadership opportunities available to members. Leadership development is a unique part of life that proves essential experiences for growth as a professional woman.

SCHOLARSHIP
You’re a GW student now - school comes first. Each chapter in the Panhellenic community strives for high academic achievement. There is a minimum GPA requirement to be a member of a Panhellenic chapter, which chapters work hard to help members achieve and maintain. Chapters provide many resources and incentives to each member to help them succeed, such as study hours, scholarship dinners, prizes for excellent performance, study files, and an array of networking opportunities.

FRIENDSHIP
Once you are initiated into a Panhellenic chapter, you will be a member for life. You will make friends throughout our community that will last a lifetime, inside and outside of your chapter. The bonds you will form as a member of the Greek community are very special. Various sisterhood events, such as the Panhellenic Month of Sisterly Love (MOSL) and Greek Week help promote the growth of these friendships.

SERVICE
Service is a fundamental pillar to the Panhellenic community. Each chapter supports a national philanthropy and throughout the year puts on different events to fundraise. Service is a core value to all members of the larger Greek community, who contribute thousands of hours of service annually.

Values-based recruitment is centered around meaningful conversations between potential new members and chapter members, allowing each to focus on shared values throughout the mutual selection process. Joining a Panhellenic chapter is a lifelong commitment, and conversing with chapter members about their personal and organizational values will help you make this important choice. By talking to chapter members about their organization’s programming, their interactions with their sisters, and the benefits they have experienced by being a sorority woman, you’ll understand that our values are not just a part of our mottoes, creeds, and songs, but at the core of our Panhellenic membership. The Creed reminds us that as Panhellenic women, we must always stand for health, fine standards, service, friendship, and respect. Throughout our values-based recruitment process, the chapters of the GW Panhellenic Association will demonstrate how these values not only guide their chapter activities, but guide their individual members through their day to day lives.
WE LIVE FOR EACH OTHER.

We live for each other encapsulates what it truly means to be sisters in Alpha Delta Pi. ADPi is more than a college activity, it is family. Living for each other goes beyond the four years that members spend in our chapter. It is something that bonds us forever.

PHILANTHROPY: THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

The mission of the Ronald McDonald House is simple. It is to create, find, and support programs that will directly improve the health and wellbeing of children globally. We are proud to say that Alpha Delta Pi members are able to be a part of this change. Because Alpha Delta Pi annually donates over $100,000 we are considered a friend of RMH. Our chapter alone donates $15,000 a year to RMH by holding a variety of events on campus. We are truly lucky to have an RMH so close by. We try to go as a chapter twice a month. When we visit our local RMH, we do chores, bake and cook for the families, and have holiday themed workshops where we make crafts with the children. Being able to give to this wonderful cause is something that enhances the strength of our sorority.
MANY HEARTS, ONE PURPOSE.
One of Alpha Epsilon Phi’s primary goals since our founding has been to promote sisterhood among our members. Defining sisterhood is not an easy task, as it means different things to different people. Sisterhood can be finding a home away from home, making a connection with a friend we met because of AEPhi, or a way of making a larger campus seem smaller. It is the indescribable bond between members of Alpha Epsilon Phi formed through sharing the ups and downs of college life, the activities of our chapter, and the deeper meanings and traditions of our ritual. This is the true meaning of Many Hearts One Purpose. These bonds, like AEPhi membership, are for a lifetime.

PHILANTHROPY: ELIZABETH GLASSER PEDIATRIC AIDS FOUNDATION, SHARASET
AEPhi is very special in that we work to support these two philanthropies year round. In the fall AEPhi advocates for Sharaset’s mission to support young women facing breast cancer by hosting our Strongest Man competition in hopes to also raise awareness about the foundation and journey to fight breast cancer. Strongest man is an exciting carnival with challenges where students on campus can have fun competing against one another. This event has raised thousands of dollars and has had a direct impact on the Sharaset Foundation and the GW community. In the spring, we host a Phi Hoops event in an effort to both raise money for the foundation and educate our campus community about the unique issues facing young people living with HIV and AIDS. We have fun and exciting events such as restaurant/food truck fundraisers, Pie a Phi competition, and our ever famous basketball game.
UNION HAND IN HAND.

Alpha Phi is a sisterhood of women supporting each other in lifelong achievement. "Union hand in hand" means always being connected and supporting sisters no matter what happens. Alpha Phi is forever.

PHILANTHROPY:
THE ALPHA PHI FOUNDATION

Heart Disease is #1 killer of women in North America, and the Alpha Phi Foundation used our organization of women help fight it. Every year we hold a Red Dress Gala and philanthropy week called Heart Week. For the 2015 year, we were nationally recognized as being the third highest chapter for raising the most money in our quadrant. Our philanthropy is something that our entire chapter proudly supports. It is a cause we all hold dear to our hearts and will continue to raise awareness for years to come!
CHI OMEGA

TO BE WOMANLY ALWAYS, TO BE DISCOURAGED NEVER.

“To be womanly always, to be discouraged never” embodies what it means to be a Chi Omega. Our sisters live by and inspire our sisterhood every day by living the values encompassed by our motto.

PHILANTHROPY:
THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION

Chi Omega prides itself on its close affiliation and partnership with the Make A Wish Foundation, an organization focused on granting wishes for children who have life-threatening medical conditions. Together, Chi Omega has raised over $60,000 and volunteered hundreds of hours on behalf of the Make A Wish Foundation. Chi Omega sponsors events including Wish Week, Wings for Wishes, basketball tournaments, and numerous days during which local merchants donate proceeds of their profits for Make A Wish. One of Chi Omega’s founding purposes is giving back to the community and supporting those in need and our goal is to both raise funds and awareness about the important work of this organization.
Let us strive for that which is honorable, beautiful, and highest. Our open motto, Ta Kala Diokomen, let us strive for that which is honorable, beautiful, and highest, inspires us to reach our full potential. Our sisters are dedicated to each other and the community through organizations such as Dance Marathon, Lemonade Day DC, Camp Kesem, Colonial Inauguration, and many more! Kappa Delta Sorority is committed to providing opportunities and experiences that inspire women to greatness.

**PHILANTHROPY:**

**PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AMERICA,**

**GIRL SCOUTS, SAFE SHORES**

Kappa Delta is proud to work closely with local Girl Scout troops to build girls of courage, confidence, and character. Our chapter holds multiple Girl Scouts events on campus each year to promote confidence in young women and reinforce the values of friendship and leadership. Our chapter also hosts an annual Shamrock Week full of events that raise money for Prevent Child Abuse America and Safe Shores - The DC Children’s Advocacy Center.

**FIRST SEMESTER DUES:**  
$555-655

**MINIMUM FRESHMAN GPA:**  
N/A

**TRANSFER/SOPHOMORE GPA:**  
N/A
KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA

ASPIRE TO BE.
Our motto exemplifies our desire to bring out the best in our members. We all have a commitment to our sorority as we lead others by example. Kappa Kappa Gamma seeks for every member throughout her life bonds of friendship, mutual support, opportunities for self-growth, respect for intellectual development, and an understanding of and an allegiance to positive ethical principles.

PHILANTHROPY:
READING IS FUNDAMENTAL
We are known for our dedication to our chosen philanthropy, Reading Is Fundamental. In the fall, we raise money for RIF during our famous Kappa Kickball Week and in the Spring we collect books for the Southeast DC Boys and Girls Club, where we read to elementary school children at our signature event, Reading is Key.

FIRST SEMESTER DUES:
$800

MINIMUM FRESHMAN GPA:
3.0

TRANSFER/SOPHOMORE GPA:
2.7
AIM HIGH.
Our sorority, born in 1913, was the first non-sectarian sorority, and it was started by a group of motivated young women who sought an organization that reflected their ideals. Thus, following in the footsteps of our 10 founders, we encourage our sisters to ‘Aim High’ in all that they aspire. Aiming high means going the extra mile and supporting your sisters in their times of need. It also means being an engaged and active member of our campus and the community at large.

PHILANTHROPY: KIDS IN NEED FOUNDATION
Phi Sigma Sigma’s philanthropic cause focuses on school and college readiness. Nationally, we support the Kids in Need Foundation, as it aims to decrease the education and learning gap in low-income neighborhoods. Our chapter holds our annual Sapphire Showdown every fall in support of this incredible organization. This event consists of a week of fundraising events throughout campus, and ends in a flag football tournament on the National Mall. Our philanthropy is near and dear to all of our hearts, as we recognize that we are extremely fortunate to be able to attend a world-class university. As Phi Sigma Sigma’s, we believe that everyone should have an equal opportunity to achieve their fullest academic potential, and neither income nor geographic location should dictate a child’s education.

FIRST SEMESTER DUES:
$643

MINIMUM FRESHMAN GPA:
N/A

TRANSFER/SOPHOMORE GPA:
2.6
Our motto represents our six core values: Integrity, Lifelong Commitment, Honor and Respect, Philanthropic Service to Others, Personal and Intellectual Growth, and Sincere Friendship. As Pi Phis, we uphold these values and strive to be the best we can be in all aspects of our lives. From serving on campus in various leadership positions to creating and fostering lifelong friendships within our chapter and the greater Greek community, we aspire to be an organization dedicated to personal and societal betterment. Whether studying in our wonderful home, Strong Hall, to exploring DC both professionally and recreationally, Pi Phis consistently uphold the tenets of our motto wherever they may be.

PHILANTHROPY: CHILDREN’S LITERACY
We believe in the power of reading. We believe reading has always been—and always will be—a powerful step toward a life of enduring impact. We believe that when one out of four children cannot read, that one is too many. We believe in inspiring readers, sparking imaginations, and igniting the desire to learn. We believe that readers become leaders. And, we believe that reading is the foundation of all we can achieve in life. We’ve changed with the times, but never shifted our vision. So at Pi Beta Phi, we honor the past while we build for the future: One child...one moment at a time...one life changed forever. Every year we host a 5k run, participate in Reading Partners, and hold Arrowstrike. Arrowstrike is our week long philanthropy event and includes activities like profit share fundraisers, Pie a Pi Phi, Midnight Breakfast, and our annual wiffle ball tournament.

FIRST SEMESTER DUES: $555-655
MINIMUM FRESHMAN GPA: N/A
TRANSFER/SOPHOMORE GPA: N/A
ONE HOPE OF MANY PEOPLE.
The mission of Sigma Delta Tau is to enrich the lifetime experience of women with similar ideals, to build lasting friendship, and to sponsor potential growth. Sigma Delta Tau shall encourage each member to reach her fullest potential by providing intellectual, philanthropic, leadership, and social opportunities with a framework of mutual respect and high ethical standards.

PHILANTHROPY: PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AMERICA, JWI, WOMEN FOR WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
At the 1982 National Convention, the convention body unanimously agreed to adopt Prevent Child Abuse America as Sigma Delta Tau’s national philanthropy. Prevent Child Abuse America is a voluntary organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse through citizen action. Each Sigma Delta Tau chapter conducts an annual service project, educational program, or major fundraiser for the benefit of Prevent Child Abuse America. Together, SDT chapters contribute more than $100,000 to our national philanthropy.

FIRST SEMESTER DUES: $650
MINIMUM FRESHMAN GPA: N/A
TRANSFER/SOPHOMORE GPA: N/A
SIGMA KAPPA

ONE HEART, ONE WAY

Sigma Kappa’s are smart and driven women bound under one heart. We are unified by our values of personal growth, friendship, service, and loyalty and are always striving to incorporate those values into our every day lives. Sigma Kappa prides ourselves on being a group of extremely unique individuals and while each of our journeys may be different, the one way represents the support our sisters give each other no matter what way you may be going.

PHILANTHROPY: ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION

Sigma Kappa supports 5 philanthropies: Sister to Sister Outreach, Inherit the Earth, Gerontology, Maine Seacoast Mission and the Alzheimer’s Association. We focus primarily on the Alzheimer’s Association because it is a cause extremely close to the hearts of many of our sisters. Alzheimer’s is the sixth leading cause of death and currently has no working treatment or cure. We are dedicated to help change that. We support our philanthropy by hosting Ultra Violet Days in the fall and Sigmalympics in the spring in efforts to raise money for our cause. As a chapter, we also take part in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s and volunteer at a local nursing home right of GW campus. Hands on service in our community is so special to our chapter because it allows us to see exactly who our philanthropy is impacting and brings us together as a sisterhood.

FIRST SEMESTER DUES: $810
MINIMUM FRESHMAN GPA: 2.8
TRANSFER/SOPHOMORE GPA: 2.5

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TRANSFER/SOPHOMORE GPA: 2.5
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Is it possible to join a sorority and still be involved in other organizations?

Most sororities encourage and even require their members to be involved in other organizations, whether it be on or off campus. At GW, there are hundreds of other organizations to join and your sorority will cherish the diversity you bring to the table based on what you are involved in.

Are there scholarships available for chapter dues?

Yes, there are scholarships available from the National Panhellenic Council as well as each chapter in the conference on a need and merit basis. You can find national scholarships here (tinyurl.com/NPC-Scholarships) and find each chapter’s scholarships here (http://tinyurl.com/Chapter-Scholarship).

Do I have to live in Greek housing?

Most sororities require chapter members to live in their housing for at least one year. However, every sorority has a different policy so this is a great question to ask during parties. The cost of living in sorority housing is comparable to if not cheaper than living on or off campus.
The Multicultural Greek Council is an umbrella organization that serves to represent our cultural GWU Greek organizations. Here at GWU, MGC is comprised of NPHC (Historically black sororities and fraternities), NALFO (Latina sororities) and NAPA (Asian interest sororities and fraternities). As of Fall 2016, we will have 12 member organizations and continue to grow. This organization is separate from the Panhellenic Association, and has recruitment processes rooted deep in the traditions of each organization. These organizations are another great way to join our larger Greek community!

**Member Sororities - NPHC (Historically Black/Divine Nine)**

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Mu Delta Chapter - Alpha Kappa Alpha is the first sorority that was organized for women of African descent, and nationally has a membership of over 200,000 women. The GWU chapter of AKA was charted here in 1978.

- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Mu Beta Chapter - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is an organization of college educated women committed to constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community. On April 20, 1975 nine women charted the Mu Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. We were the first Black Greek letter organization on the campus of George Washington University. We are dedicated to Sisterhood, Scholarship, and Service!

- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Xi Sigma Chapter - Zeta Phi Beta is an international historically black sorority, and was the first Greek letter organization to charter in Africa. Chartered at GWU in 2006, Zetas are the youngest NPHC organization on campus.

**Member Sororities - NALFO (Latina Sororities)**

- Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad / Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc., Theta Chapter - LPC is a Latina interest sorority chartered here in 1997, as the first Latina based sorority and a founding member of MGC. Their members are active participants in the Greek and Latina communities.

- Sigma Lambda Upsilon / Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc., Alpha Gamma Chapter - SLU was recently re-established on campus as of Spring 2016, and although Latina based is not Latina exclusive.

**Member Sororities - NAPA (Asian Interest Sororities)**

- Sigma Sigma Rho Sorority, Inc. - Sigma Sigma Rho is newly chartered here at GWU to take their first class this Fall (2016) and are our first South-Asian interest sorority to be chartered at GWU.

- Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc., Pi Chapter - Sigma Psi Zeta is an Asian interest, not Asian exclusive sorority whose members strive to embody their 10 rays of sisterhood, to be leaders in the GWU community, and to combat domestic violence. Sigma Psi Zeta sorority is also the largest MGC organization on campus, and was the first MGC sorority to earn a house at GWU.

- Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority Inc., Alpha Beta Chapter - Kappa Phi Lambda sorority is an Asian interest sorority with three main pillars of sisterhood, service, and cultural diversity. Kappas have a townhouse here on campus that many of the sisters refer to as their “home away from home”.