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Fraternity and Sorority Life Newsletter

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Not *four* years, but *for life*...

Fraternity and Sorority Life Update



Madison Beaumarchais
Greek Life Coordinator

Thank you students, advisors, alumni, and campus partners for another successful year in Greek life at VSU! In the past semester alone, we have welcomed over 300 new students to our Greek community, as well as a new council to serve a wider range of students at VSU. The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) was formed in August of 2017. This council is comprised of our two newest organizations, Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, and Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity. We also had the opportunity to come together as a Greek community to start conversations to better understand each other and open more doors for communication and collaboration. This spring semester is off to a great start with each council traveling to council specific conferences to learn through fantastic speakers and other Greek members. I have no doubt that new and innovative ideas have been generated and will be implemented to better our VSU Greek community. I look forward to all of the exciting activities planned by each chapter, and the continued growth and hard work of each of our students.

Meet the Graduate Assistants



Shamiece Banks

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

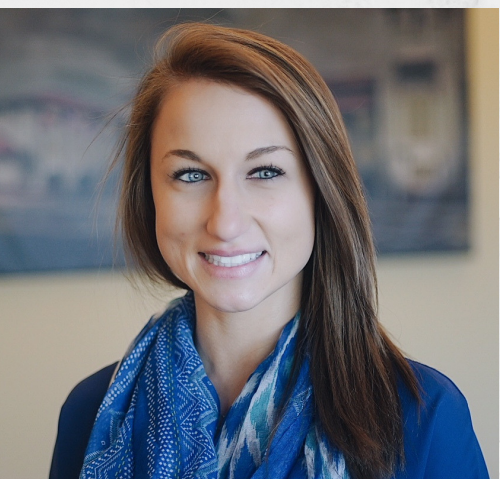
Graduate Program:

Higher Education Leadership

Undergraduate Institution:

Wichita State University--

Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice



Jenna Ives

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

Graduate Program:

Business Administration

Undergraduate Institution:

Valdosta State University--

Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration



Caitlyn Koutsky

College Panhellenic Council (CPC)

Graduate Program:

School Counseling

Undergraduate Institution:

Valdosta State University--

Bachelor's Degree in Psychology

President Updates



Cannon George

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

The InterFraternal Council has spent the month of January gearing up towards spring rush and a semester of doing good in the community and making memories while doing it. We have an Exec council with new faces and we are excited to see what fresh ideas they will be putting forward. The big events on our calendar for the first part of the semester is a drug and alcohol awareness seminar and the IFC cup, a week of athletics and good nature competition between each fraternity.



Parker Heil

College Panhellenic Council (CPC)

CPC has elected new officers. We just held grand chapter to introduce ourselves to the chapters and communicate our goals.

Our new Exec Board is:

President- Parker Heil

VP of Development- Morgan Singleton

VP of Advancement- Ashley Butler

VP of Recruitment- Laura Ammons

VP of Public Relations- Karly Hamm

VP of Community Service- Madison Busbee

VP of Communications- Lampl Covington

VP of Finance- Mackenzie Pitt.

We will be attending the Coalition for Collegiate Women's Leadership this weekend with fellow members from CPC.



Member Highlight

Alpha Delta Pi would like to highlight our fabulous sister, Caylor Mark! Caylor is a junior chemistry major with a minor in biology. She works in the chemistry lab at VSU doing research on biochemistry topics while also serving as our chapters Finance Vice President on our executive board. (All while maintaining a 4.0 GPA!) Caylor is always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone she encounters. We don't know what our chapter would do without her! Alpha Delta Pi is truly blessed to have a sister like Caylor!

President Updates



DaShon Walton

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

Hello VSU, my name is DaShon Walton and I am your 2018 President for the National Pan-Hellenic Council. As President it is my duty to oversee, instruct, and execute the academic, social, and leadership priorities and goals that our council have set out to reach. To start the spring semester off we decided to have our first social event which was an electric cookout on Palms Quad featuring great food, card games, and amazing music. In conclusion to the month of January we had our semesterly NPHC Informational to educate aspirants who wish to become apart of Greek Life. As a council we decided to challenge ourselves by creating exciting and unique ways to exhibit the talents of our different chapters.

Upcoming this February, we have an event called "Shoot Your Shot With A Greek", which is an auction where students can maybe land a Valentines date with a Greek. That following week we will have our council community service, where we will be going to our local soup kitchen to provide assistance where it is needed. As the President of the NPHC I am more than thrilled of our past accomplishments and the major accomplishments to come in the future.



Kay Cavender

Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)

MGC kicked off their second semester in full swing as they welcomed seven members from Sigma Lambda Gamma (SLG) that were initiated last semester and welcomed back the chapters and executive council. January 20th, MGC hosted our Inaugural Showcase in which we had four visiting Multicultural Greeks compete for a trophy and cash prize. We also had performances from our chapters and members of U.N.D.O. During this event we were able to raise over \$200 dollars for our Councils Scholarship that we is available to VSU students. During the weekend of the 26th & 27th members of MGC went to Florida State University to participate in the Multicultural Leadership Summit. Members had the opportunity to participate in various discussions on cultural and social issues a well as work with students from various university to develop actions plans for creating social change.

January 28th, we had Grand Chapter and addressed various goals for the semester. One thing we are currently working on is creating an internal reward system that promotes council involvement at the individual level. Each month we will have a raffle for prizes as well as a big raffle at the end of the semester. Any time a member goes above and beyond for the council or by volunteering to help on projects, members attended another chapters vents, etc they can get put into the raffle for that month. Through this we hope to promote more voluntary involvement and excitement within the council.



Member Highlight

Jordan Surat-Jones is a senior business management major with a double minor in business law and entrepreneurship. Currently he serves as the "A" (President) of the Delta Chi Fraternity here at Valdosta State University. Along with being the chapter president he is also the intramurals chair. Jordan is currently very involved on campus. He is a student assistant in the office of Admissions, one of the Fire Pit Leaders, student ambassador, and he works in the Office of Student Life. Many people know him from their orientations because he was also an Orientation Leader for two years. Other students know Jordan from his involvement with campus athletics and because he was on Homecoming court this last fall.

Chapter Updates

Alpha Delta Pi



Its been a busy January for Alpha Delta Pi! Our President attended the “Adelphian Compass” conference in Dallas, Texas before the start of the semester, attending many leadership workshops and making connections with other ADPi chapters across the country. On January 17th we had a hot chocolate sisterhood gathering where we made Valentines Day Cards to send to the families staying in the Ronald McDonald House in Macon, Georgia. We were also so excited to welcome three new alpha sisters into our chapter through spring recruitment! The last weekend in January our new executive board and other positions in our chapter traveled to Atlanta, Georgia for our annual District Leadership Conference to train to fulfill all the duties of their officer positions! We have a lot to be excited about this February including our chapter retreat, big little reveal, and our annual Mallard Ball! Can't wait to see all that this semester has in store for our sisters!

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Phi Mu

On January 31st, Phi Mu held a percentage night at Wahoo Seafood and grill. The event was a success and we are hoping for the same success in our future events. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.



Member Highlight

Kyle McRae is a Senior Healthcare Administration Major from McDonough, Ga. He is a member of The Mu Omicron Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. His current positions in the chapter are Parliamentarian and Director of Educational Activities and Events. Also, is a member of The Black Student league and mentors students at VECA. Kyle's goals are becoming a Healthcare IT and dreams of being a sports agent. His substantial character along with community and campus involvement exemplifies the role of a campus leader.

Chapter Updates

Sigma Lambda Gamma



This past January, members of Sigma Lambda Gamma participated in the Multicultural Showcase held by MGC in which we showcased various multicultural organizations and the history of stepping. January 20th We also went to Tallahassee for a Leadership Conference to not only enhance the leadership abilities within the members of our organization, but our council as a whole. January 26th and 27th



Kappa Alpha Psi

The Fiery Lambda Phi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi began the Spring semester with a trio of events entitled 'Quality Kontrol'. With the great intent to have a massive impact on the Community, University and the yard of course the chapter constructed a series of events that would do just that. The title/theme; Quality Kontrol, was inspired by a hip hop genre label whom many students throughout the university are familiar with. The series (song tracks) of events began on January 17, 2018. Track one we released as the Men's Workshop. At this event we gave a warm welcome to the young men on campus, we also set up workshops and a speech that would empower them as growing young men. The following day we hosted a game show called 'BlaKK Kard RevoKed'. In this event we collaborated with three other organizations on campus such as; Media Art Geniuses (MAG), Black Student League (BSL), and Habitat for Humanity. This event was available for all students male and female. This game allowed the students to fellowship, work together, and have a good time. The Lambda Phi chapter concluded the album with an event call the KooK-in in which we collaborated with both the African Student Association and the National Council of Negro Women where we brought different foods from different cultures of the world and made it available to all students to join and eat, listen to music, and enjoy the company of other students. We look to continue having a great impact in February 3, 2018 @ 7:30. We have an event given the name 'Silent Party'. This event will take place in the Student Union Ballrooms. The idea of this event allows students to experience a party with all of the amenities of a normal party; other peers having a good time and music provided by DJ's., this particular party requires everyone to wear headphones upon entering the Ballroom where each student in that room can hear the same music at once, this concept gives off the name Silent Party.

Chapter Updates

Chi Omega



We initiated 22 new beautiful sisters into our sorority on January 13th. Each of the girls worked hard to excel in scholarship, personal development, and community service. We are so excited to call them sisters. (Picture is first picture)

Our sister, Alli Smith, started the first ever all CPC bible study. The Bible study is called chosen and is the 2nd and last Tuesday of every month. (Picture is second Picture)



The MLK March which was held by the Mu Omicron Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and NAACP has been one of the biggest events this year. The March celebrated the life of the great Martin Luther King in which, many students supported.

Alpha Phi Alpha

Chapter Updates

Alpha Sigma Alpha



The Theta Mu chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha has started 2018 off with a bang! We've had a blast at our sisterhoods including a spaghetti and spa day and a s'mores night. We also kickstarted our "Freezin' for a Reason" campaign to help raise money for one of our philanthropies, Special Olympics. The sisters of ASA are super excited about our Crimson Ball formal coming up this February! We are always on the lookout for potential sisters and advisors so if you are interested please contact our President Paige Lindsley [@asathetamupresident@gmail.com](mailto:asathetamupresident@gmail.com). Don't forget to sign up for fall recruitment. Also please follow us on instagram [@alphasigs.vsu](https://www.instagram.com/alphasigs.vsu) to keep up with us.

Important Dates

All Council and President's Roundtable Meeting:

February 7 & February 21

Greek Excellence Packets:

Due on February 15

Chapter Rosters:

Due on February 15

Chapter Dues:

Due on February 15

New Member Education:

February 26

Chapter Events

February 2nd: Sigma Lambda Gamma

National Wear Read Day, American Heart Association

February 5th: Sigma Lambda Gamma

Informational

February 7: Sigma Gamma Rho & Iota Phi Theta

Golden Love Bake Sale

February 8th: Multicultural Greek Council

Informational

February 8th: National Pan-Hellenic Council

"Mystery Match" Event

February 9th: Sigma Lambda Beta

Community Service

February 13th: Sigma Lambda Beta

Informational

February 19th: Sigma Lambda Gamma

Social w/ Gammas

February 21st: Phi Mu

Mellow Mushroom Percentage Night-- *Benefiting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals*

February 23rd: Chi Omega

Sonny's BBQ Percentage Night

February 28: Sigma Lambda Gamma

Safe Sex Forum