A MESSAGE FROM OUR GREEK LIFE COORDINATOR

Welcome to fraternity and sorority life at Cal State LA! Greek organizations are an opportunity to experience community service, leadership development, personal growth, academic support and build relationships while enhancing your college experience. The members of fraternities and sororities contribute to both campus and the Los Angeles communities. Members of Greek life can be seen around campus in a multitude of leadership positions, serving in Associated Students, Inc., working in the University-Student Union and demonstrating their Cal State LA pride at campus events. From making burritos for the Burrito Project which helps feed the homeless to raising money for cancer research to hosting events that help empower women, fraternity and sorority life offers experiences that will help you give back to your community.

There are more than 20 fraternities and sororities at Cal State LA that are broken into four councils: the Multicultural Greek Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the Panhellenic Association, and the Interfraternity Council. With all of the organizations and opportunities, fraternity and sorority life is a rewarding and beneficial experience at Cal State LA.

For additional information, please visit our website at www.calstatela.edu/usu/fsl, or follow us on Instagram at @calstatelagreeks.

Cal State LA fraternities and sororities invite you to find your fit and get involved! Visit the fraternities & sororities during info night and recruitment week to learn more about their activities, requirements for membership, and community service initiatives. Although unique in its origin, history, members, and rituals, each fraternity and sorority on campus holds firmly the common bond of unity and excellence. We invite you to look into all of the amazing possibilities and experiences our fraternity and sorority community has to offer.

When considering an organization, it is important to meet as many of the members as possible. Be sure to ask about the founding values of the organization, what type of events the organization participates in, and what the organization is looking for in its members. Remember though, while you are looking for an organization that will fulfill your needs, the organization is also looking for members who will fit in with their values.

For more information about fraternity and sorority life at Cal State LA, please contact the Center for Student Involvement at (323) 343-5110.

Christopher Battle
FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE COORDINATOR
CORE VALUES

ACADEMIC
The first priority for fraternities and sororities is academic success. Students can achieve this goal within their organization. Each fraternity and sorority provides academic assistance to its individual members including: study hours, educational programming, scholarships, and achievement awards.

VALUES AND STANDARDS
When you join a fraternity or sorority, you become part of a brotherhood or sisterhood that is based upon standards, principles, and values that create a common bond between members. All fraternal organizations have a common set of values that include leadership, service, academics, and social interaction. Each organization has a set of standards that are individually unique to their members. During your new member period you will learn more about the fraternal values and how living these standards daily, will help you become a better citizen.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
One of the most gratifying aspects of fraternity and sorority life is the satisfaction and pride that comes from involvement in the greater community. Thousands of dollars are raised annually to benefit local and national charities. Individual chapters also donate countless toys, clothing, goods and hours to local communities in the Los Angeles area. These projects build moral character through the satisfaction of paying it forward.

SOCIAL
Fraternity and sorority membership provides a number of social opportunities that help relieve the day-to-day stresses of being a college student. Aside from the social interactions, members will be able to engage in interactions with chapter members through social events. Each year the fraternities and sororities host “Greek Week”, which is a series of competitive and philanthropic events to encourage unity.

LEADERSHIP
Fraternities and sororities provide opportunities for students to gain and enhance leadership skills. Members have opportunities to serve as officers or chairpersons within their chapter and are responsible for the operation of their organization. In addition to chapter leadership opportunities, members can hold positions on their council.

FRIENDSHIP
One of the greatest advantages of fraternity and sorority life is the brotherhood/sisterhood that links you with the other members of your organization. Members develop unique bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood unmatched by any other organizations. These friendships last beyond the collegiate years and provide a network of opportunities with alumni and professionals.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS
Each fraternity and sorority is self-supported through membership dues and fundraising. Fees can include chapter dues, activity fees, and live-in fees (if applicable). Financial obligations differ among organizations and are used to cover most social activities, operating cost, and council dues. Payment plans are at the discretion of the organization.

Should any hazing occur, students are encouraged to contact the Center for Student Involvement at (323) 343-5110 and the Judicial Affairs Office at (323) 343-3103.
JOINING A GROUP
As a student at Cal State LA, you have the opportunity to join a wide range of groups, cultural organizations, fraternities and sororities, religious groups, public service organizations and others. Entry into some of these groups may involve formal or informal initiation rites, long standing traditions, and celebrations. Each organization should provide all prospective members with clear membership expectations.

INITIATION PRACTICES AND HAZING
Although initiation practices can help new members become part of a group, they can also constitute hazing. Hazing takes various forms, but typically involves endangering the physical health of an individual or causing mental distress through, for example, humiliating, intimidating, or demeaning treatment. Often hazing involves pressure to drink alcohol, sometimes in dangerous amounts. Being hazed is serious and can have a significant effect on one’s physical and emotional health.

CAL STATE LA’S STANDARDS FOR STUDENT CONDUCT: PROHIBITION ON HAZING
Hazing, or conspiracy to haze. “Hazing” is defined as any method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student organization or student body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury to any former, current, or prospective student of any school, community college, college, university or other educational institution in this state (Penal Code 245.6), and in addition, any act likely to cause physical harm, personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm, to any former, current, or prospective student of any school, community college, college, university or other educational institution. The term “hazing” does not include customary athletic events or school sanctioned events.

RECOGNITION OF PROHIBITION ON HAZING
All prospective members are required to acknowledge and sign that they understand the standards for student conduct: prohibition on hazing at the start of their education process. It is important to know neither the express or implied consent of a victim of hazing, nor the lack of active participation in a particular hazing event is a defense. Apathy or acquiescence in the presence of hazing is not a neutral act, and is also a violation of this section.

GREEK TERMINOLOGY

ACTIVE
An initiated fraternity or sorority member who is affiliated with a campus chapter.

ALUMNI/ALUMNA
An initiated fraternity or sorority member who is affiliated with a campus chapter.

BID
A formal invitation to join a Greek-lettered organization.

BIG BROTHER/SISTER
An initiated member of a fraternity or sorority who serves as a sponsor, advisor or special friend to a new member, guiding them through their new member program or initiation.

BROTHER
A term used by fraternity members to refer to one another.

CALL/CHANT
A vocal sound, sometimes high-pitched, used by members of cultural-based Greek organizations to acknowledge one another.

CHAPTER
A term used to describe the collegiate group of a fraternity or sorority.

CROSSING
A term used by multicultural groups to indicate that a new member has been fully initiated into a group.

DUES
Monthly or quarterly costs of being in a fraternity or sorority.

INITIATION
Ritual or ceremony in which a new member begins full membership in that specific organization.

LEGACY
Someone whose mother, father, sister or brother are members of a particular group.

LINE
The members of a cultural Greek organization new member class.

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL (NPHC)
The governing body for national historically black Greek organizations.

NEOPHYTE
A new member of a cultural Greek organization.

NEW MEMBER
A potential member who has accepted an invitation or bid from a fraternity or sorority. May also be referred to as an associate or aspirant member.

PHILANTHROPY
Charitable project that raises money and awareness for a particular cause sponsored by each chapter on campus.

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER (PNM)
An individual interested in becoming a member of a fraternity or sorority.

SISTER / SOROR
A term used by sorority members to refer to one another.

STROLL
A line dance done by members of a cultural Greek organization (usually at a party or step show).
Multicultural Greek Council

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Grade Requirements
2.5

Values
Leadership, Friendship, Service

Philanthropy and Community Service Initiative
As a service fraternity, it has multiple service efforts Affiliation with Boy Scouts of America, Together We Rise, National Service Week (November), Spring Youth Day (April). A combined 1,000+ service hours every quarter for fraternity, campus, community, nation

Colors
Royal Blue and Old Glory Gold

Website
www.apo.org

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Alpha Phi Omega

Contact
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Grade Requirements
2.5

Values

Philanthropy and Community Service Initiative
Adopt-a-Family and AIDS Walk

Colors
Red, White, and Black

Website
www.apo.org

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Alpha Theta Pi

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Grade Requirements
2.5

Values

Philanthropy and Community Service Initiative

Colors
Brown and Cream

Website
betagammanu.com

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Beta Gamma Nu

Contact

Grade Requirements
2.5

Values
Pride in Culture, Brotherhood in Arms, Respect for Life

Colors
Brown and Cream

Website
betagammanu.com
DELTA SIGMA CHI

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GRADE REQUIREMENTS
2.5

VALUES
Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Community Service, Academics, Multiculturalism.

PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE
Heart Cancer Toy Drive, Relay for Life, Boys and Girls Club

COLORS
Red, Black, and Gold

WEBSITE
www.deltasigmachi1987.com

GAMMA ZETA ALPHA

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GRADE REQUIREMENTS
2.5

VALUES
Academic Excellence, Community Service, and the Maintenance of Latino Culture through Brotherhood

PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE
Academic Decathlon

COLORS
Black, White, and Silver

WEBSITE
www.gammas.org

KAPPA DELTA CHI

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GRADE REQUIREMENTS
2.5

VALUES
Unity, Honesty, Integrity, Leadership

PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE
American Cancer Society

COLORS
Pink and Maroon

WEBSITE
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LAMBDA THETA ALPHA

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GRADE REQUIREMENTS
2.6

VALUES
Unity, Love, Respect

PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE
St. Jude Research Hospital

COLORS
Burgundy and Grey

WEBSITE
www.lambdalady.org

LAMBDA THETA NU

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GRADE REQUIREMENTS
2.6

VALUES
Academic Excellence, Community Service, Sisterhood

PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE
Academic Excellence, Community Service, Sisterhood, Tijera, Lambda Scholarship, Latina Youth Leadership Conference, Latino Literacy Fund

COLORS
Burgundy, Silver, and White

WEBSITE
www.lambdathetanu.org

PHI IOTA ALPHA

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GRADE REQUIREMENTS
2.5

VALUES
Strength, Integrity, Friendship

PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE
UNICEF Tap Project

COLORS
Red, White, Navy Blue, and Gold

WEBSITE
www.phiiota.info
MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL

SIGMA LAMBDA BETA

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GRADE REQUIREMENTS
2.5

VALUES
Brotherhood, Scholarship, Community Service, Cultural Awareness

PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE
Victor Correa CPR Awareness

COLORS
Royal Purple and Purest White

WEBSITE
www.sigmalambdabeta.com

SIGMA LAMBDA GAMMA

CONTACT
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GRADE REQUIREMENTS
2.75

VALUES
Academics, Community Service, Cultural Awareness, Morals and Ethics and Social Interaction

PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE
TRIO Program and Breast Cancer Awareness

COLORS
Shocking Pink and Majestic Purple

WEBSITE
www.sigmalambdagamma.com
BETA GAMMA NU

DELTA SIGMA CHI
ONE FRATERNITY, ONE FAMILY
KAPPA DELTA CHI
Happiness, Trusting Friendship, Lasting Memories

LAMBDA THETA ALPHA
Latin by Tradition, Not Definition
ALPHA SIGMA TAU

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GRADE REQUIREMENTS
2.5

VALUES
Intellect, Excellence, Graciousness, Respect and Connections

PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE
Women’s Wellness Initiative, Chelsea’s Light Foundation

COLORS
Emerald Green and Gold

WEBSITE
calstatela.alphasigmatau.org

DELTA PHI EPSILON

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GRADE REQUIREMENTS
2.5

VALUES
Sisterhood, Scholarship, Self, Service, Social

PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE
Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Delta Phi Epsilon Educational Fund

COLORS
Royal Purple, Pure Gold

WEBSITE
www.dphie.org

DELTA ZETA

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GRADE REQUIREMENTS
2.7

VALUES
Friendship, Service and Scholarship

PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE
Painted Turtle Camp, Starkey Hearing Foundation

COLORS
Rose and Green

WEBSITE
www.deltazetathetarho.wixsite.com/dzthetarho
DELTA PHI EPSILON

VALUES
Scholarship, Sisterhood and Service

PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE
An extensive array of public service initiatives through its Five-Point Program Thrust of Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement.

COLORS
Crimson and Cream

WEBSITE
www.DSTepsilonzeta.com

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

DELTA SIGMA THETA

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GRADE REQUIREMENTS
2.75

VALUES
Scholarship, Sisterhood and Service

PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE
An extensive array of public service initiatives through its Five-Point Program Thrust of Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement.

COLORS
Crimson and Cream

WEBSITE
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PHI BETA SIGMA

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GRADE REQUIREMENTS
2.5

MOTTO
Culture for Services and Service for Humanity

PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE
Bigger and Better Businessmen, Education, Social Actives, and Sigma Beta Clubs

COLORS
Royal Blue and White

WEBSITE
phibetasigma1914.org
NATIONAL PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

ZETA PHI BETA

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GRADE REQUIREMENTS
2.5

VALUES
Scholarship, Service, Sisterly
Love & Finer Womanhood

PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE
Zhope- Zetas Helping Other People Excel

COLORS
Royal Blue and White

WEBSITE
www.csulazetas.weebly.com

DELTA SIGMA THETA

INTELLIGENCE IS THE TORCH OF WISDOM
ZETA PHI BETA
COMMUNITY CONSCIOUS, ACTION ORIENTED ORGANIZATION

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Grade Requirements
2.5

Values
Friendship, Scholarship, Service

Philanthropy and Community Service Initiative
Children’s Miracle Network

Color
Royal Purple and Old Gold

Website
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INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

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Grade Requirements
2.5

Values
Love, Truth, Honor

Philanthropy and Community Service Initiative
Helping Hand Initiative

Colors
Black, Gold, and White

Website
www.sigmanu.org

SIGMA NU

Contact

Grade Requirements
2.5

Values

Philanthropy and Community Service Initiative

Colors

Website
www.sigmanu.org
ZETA BETA TAU

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GRADE REQUIREMENTS
2.5

VALUES
Intellectual Awareness, Brotherly Love, Social Responsibility, Integrity

PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE
Zeta Beta Tau Foundation

COLORS
Medium Blue, White, and Gold

WEBSITE
www.zbt.org
ORDER OF OMEGA
GREEK HONOR SOCIETY

CONTACT
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GRADE REQUIREMENTS
2.75

VALUES
Character, Scholarship, Leadership and Service

PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE
Order of Omega is an honorary organization recognizing junior and seniors in fraternities and sororities that exemplify character, scholarship, leadership, and service. Members embody these pillars and maintain high academic excellence, holding a G.P.A. above the all Greek average.

WEBSITE
www.orderofomega.org

NOTES
For more information on getting involved with student organizations or other campus activities at Cal State LA, please visit the Center for Student Involvement in the University-Student Union, Room 204.

www.calstatela.edu/usu/csi