FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE
Contributing to our Community Since 1881
Dear Student,

Welcome to the University of New Hampshire! Research on college students shows that involvement and engagement can have positive impacts on student learning and retention. The individuals that you surround yourself with during your experience at UNH will shape how you look at the world around you and how you spend your time. You will quickly find out that your co-curricular experience will play a large role in your college education.

As values-based organizations, sororities, fraternities and coed societies can offer students a powerful learning environment. Since the first fraternity was established on campus in 1881, Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) organizations have offered students a unique set of values-centered traditions and rituals that shape students’ experiences at UNH. If you elect to be a part of Fraternity and Sorority Life, your sisters and/or brothers will have a significant impact on how you grow and develop, as these organizations offer opportunities to practice leadership, engage the greater community, and build lifelong friendships.

The Fraternity and Sorority Life community isn’t for every student, and it is solely your choice to join a fraternity, sorority or coed society. If you are considering joining a Fraternity and Sorority Life organization, we encourage you to make an informed decision. When you participate in recruitment, ask difficult questions about the chapters that interest you. Is this group recognized by the University of New Hampshire? Do they take responsible positions on the use of alcohol? Do they have grade point averages above the University average? Do they guarantee that you will not be hazed, and do others tell you they live up to their commitments? Will the chapter make you a better person? Do they not only know their values, but do they put them into action on a daily basis? If the answer is yes to these questions, joining a chapter can enhance your experience in Durham and beyond.

We encourage you to think carefully as you consider joining a Fraternity and Sorority Life organization. Again, the individuals that you surround yourself with during your experience at UNH will shape how you look at the world around you and how you spend your time. Let our Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life staff help you as you sort through your options. If you decide to become a member of our Fraternity and Sorority Life community, we wish you well in selecting a chapter that will help you become a better scholar and better person.

Sincerely,

MaryAnne Lustgraaf,
Director of the Memorial Union Building

Jamie Silverstein,
Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life
Dear Fellow Wildcats,

We would first like to congratulate you on your decision to attend the University of New Hampshire! As student leaders of the Fraternity and Sorority Community, we urge you to consider FSL as it can enhance your undergraduate collegiate experience. We believe that the community fosters strong bonds that truly make UNH your home away from home. Here at UNH, our Fraternity and Sorority Life prides itself on high academic performance, strong community involvement and dedicated philanthropic endeavors.

The two of us have gained more from our Fraternity and Sorority experiences than we could have ever imagined. Our fraternity and sorority affiliations have helped us become strong innovative leaders while also connecting us to our closest friends and supportive mentors. Through our experiences in FSL, we have found our strengths and passions while becoming better members of our community.

The Fraternity and Sorority Community at the University of New Hampshire has a rich history, with the first chapter being founded in 1881. Today, there are 12 recognized fraternities and 8 recognized sororities on campus. These chapters are comprised of men and women who strive to uphold the core values set forth by their individual founders. By joining a fraternity or sorority, students are able to develop important life skills such as leadership and responsibility, while developing lifelong friendships. Another benefit of joining is the opportunity to network with hundreds of thousands of men and women across the world!

Whether you are stepping onto campus for the first time, or weighing the prospect of going through later on in your time at UNH, we encourage you to consider joining the FSL community during your undergraduate experience. Our experiences have provided us with many rewarding opportunities, and we know it can offer you the same. We are proud of our FSL system and are confident in our ability to promote a caring community. We hope that you will join us!

Best Regards,

Austin Ahearn,
Interfraternity Council President

Melissa Schwartz,
Panhellenic Council President
Since the founding of the first fraternity in 1776, fraternities and sororities have helped college students throughout the United States develop strong networks of support on campus and beyond. Joining a coed society, fraternity or sorority will enhance your collegiate experience by providing support and resources to help your academic, leadership, and social development. Research shows that students who develop a sense of belonging and a connection with their college community are more likely to graduate from college. Joining the Fraternity and Sorority Life community is an excellent way to make that connection and find your place at UNH. Over 2,200 students are members of our Fraternity and Sorority Life community. Our diverse Fraternity and Sorority Life community includes an array of organizations that meet the changing needs of today’s college students. Whether you are interested in a traditional social organization, an organization with an emphasis on multiculturalism, or a strong professional focus, you will find your niche in our community.

OFFICE OF FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE MISSION STATEMENT
Believing that involvement in or with a Fraternity and Sorority Life organization can promote student learning, development, and growth, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life aims to cultivate a values-based and inclusive community of excellence at UNH.

JOINING THE UNH FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE COMMUNITY
Being a part of Fraternity and Sorority Life means more than wearing letters on a sweatshirt, attending weekly chapter meetings or performing rituals; it’s about creating friendships that will last far beyond your college years while fostering personal development through the commitment to our ideals of scholarship, leadership, and service. It’s about being a collective part of a community that shares the same goals and values, and who support you as an individual with an opportunity to grow.
INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT
Intellectual development is a vital aspect of Fraternity and Sorority Life. After all, intellectual development is the primary reason each student attends UNH. In the 2017-18 Academic Year, the average Grade Point Average was 3.14. The FSL community works diligently to assist each member in achieving their full intellectual potential. Each chapter hosts a variety of academic workshops, maintains academic standards, and encourages members to focus on their course work. Also, the community actively recognizes the academic achievements of successful members throughout the year.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
The Fraternity and Sorority Life community provides members with development opportunities that are congruent with our values and the academic mission of UNH. Membership education programs are dedicated to providing a variety of ways to promote individual growth, development, and networking opportunities, as well as encouraging attendance at other programs around the UNH and surrounding communities.

Membership in any of the recognized FSL organizations on campus offers students endless opportunities to develop their leadership potential and become a leader within the community. With opportunities ranging from sitting on committees within a chapter to becoming a leader on the Panhellenic or Interfraternity councils, there are countless ways to become a leader within the Fraternity and Sorority Life community.
PILLARS OF THE
FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY
Community service and philanthropy are important aspects of Fraternity and Sorority Life. Every year we raise thousands of dollars for local and national charities for everything ranging from the Durham Public Library to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Service is valued so highly because as social organizations, fraternities and sororities aim to contribute to bettering our community.

In the 2017-18 Academic Year, the UNH Fraternity and Sorority Life community performed over 29,000 hours of community service, and raised over $177,000 for our local and national agencies which have included, but are not limited to; the Durham Public Library, St Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, the UNH Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program, Girl Scouts of America, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY
As values-based organizations, the success of the Fraternity and Sorority Life community depends upon our members, chapters, and community holding each other accountable to our values and expectations. Likewise, we must also limit risk in order to protect the safety and integrity of our organizations.

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
With almost 14,000+ undergraduates attending UNH, joining the Fraternity and Sorority Life community enables students to find their niche and build life-long friendships. It is not uncommon for members to call their chapters their home, and often the friends made in the Fraternity and Sorority Life community will be with you for the rest of your life.

Fraternity and Sorority Life members are also actively engaged in the UNH and Durham communities. Members are involved in over 200 student organizations, and are leaders in groups like Student Senate, and the Campus Activities Board. Also, the Fraternity and Sorority Life community has built strong relationships with the Town of Durham by participating in programs like “Light Up Durham” and “Clean Up Durham” where members cleaned up trash around the town.
FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE LINGO: Fraternity and Sorority Life Vocabulary

Active - A fully initiated member of a fraternity or sorority.

Alumni - An initiated member of a fraternity or sorority no longer enrolled as an undergraduate student.

Bid - A formal invitation to join a particular sorority or fraternity.

Big Brother or Big Sister - An active member who serves as a mentor to a New Member during their New Member Program.

Brother - An initiated member of a fraternity.

Chapter - The local collegiate membership of a national fraternity.

Continuous Open Bidding (COB) - An informal recruitment process that takes places after the conclusion of Formal Panhellenic Recruitment.

Formal Panhellenic Recruitment - A series of events given by each sorority that are designed to introduce sorority life to potential new members. Formal Panhellenic Recruitment is scheduled by the Panhellenic Council.

Fraternity - FSL organization for identifying men.

Initiation - The formal ceremony that marks the beginning of active membership. Each chapter has a different set of requirements in order to be initiated.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) - The governing body for 13 of the recognized fraternities at the UNH.

Legacy – A prospective member who has a family member in the same fraternity, sorority, or society.
North-American Interfraternity Conference (or NIC) - An association of collegiate men’s fraternities that was formally organized in 1910. The NIC has seventy-five member organizations with 5,500 chapters located on over 800 campuses.

National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) - The National Panhellenic Conference is the umbrella organization for 26 national and international women’s fraternities and sororities. Six NPC chapters are present at UNH.

New Member - An individual who has accepted a bid and is engaged in preparing for initiation.

Panhellenic Council - is a governing council for eight sororities at UNH; it is the collegiate counterpart of NPC.

Philanthropy – An organization’s activity that directly benefits a charitable organization by donating funds, completing volunteer hours, and/or promoting awareness of the organization.

Potential New Member – A person going through the Recruitment process for Fraternity and Sorority Life membership.

Ritual - An activity which bonds the organization together and is traditionally secretive.

Recruitment - An active process utilized by Fraternity and Sorority Life organizations to engage potential new members. General recruitment activities are non-binding, and offer both active members in the organizations and interested students the opportunity to learn more about each other.

Recruit - A person interested in becoming a member of a fraternity or sorority.

Recruitment Counselor – A disaffiliated member of a NPC organization who assists potential new members through the recruitment process.

Sister - An initiated member of a sorority.

Sorority - FSL organization for identifying women.
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.

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE AND THE UNH PANHELLENIC COUNCIL
The National Panhellenic Conference exists to promote the values of and to serve as an advocate for its member groups in collaboration with those members, campuses and communities.

National Panhellenic Conference, founded in 1902, is an umbrella organization for 26 inter/national women's fraternities and sororities. Each member group is autonomous as a social, FSL-letter society of college women and alumnae. Members are represented on over 620 college and university campuses in the United States and Canada and in over 4,600 alumnae associations, making up over 3.6 million sorority women in the world.

At the University of New Hampshire, the Panhellenic Council is the student-run governing body for the six National Panhellenic Conference fraternities and sororities. The Panhellenic Council fosters interaction and communication between the chapters present on campus and strives to improve the overall Fraternity and Sorority Life community.
HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?
The Panhellenic Council holds formal recruitment every fall. Primary recruitment is a structured process that aims to create equality by exposing potential new members to all six Panhellenic sororities.

Throughout the first few weeks of the fall semester you will see many advertisements and announcements for information sessions, meetings, and registration locations for the Panhellenic recruitment period. In the meantime, any and all questions are encouraged and can be directed to the Panhellenic Recruitment Chair at unhrecruitment@gmail.com

For information on Recruitment including the schedule and other important information please visit: unhpanhellenicrecruitment.mycampusdirector2.com/landing

REGISTRATION
Interested potential new members must register for recruitment at unhpanhellenicrecruitment.mycampusdirector2.com/landing
**ΑΦ**  
**Alpha Phi**

**Nickname:** “APHI” or “The Phi”  
**Address:** 8 Strafford Ave., Durham, NH 03824  
**Founding Date:** September 18, 1872 at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York  
**Date Established at UNH:** 1986  
**Colors:** Silver and Bordeaux  
**Motto:** “Union Hand in Hand”  
**Philanthropy:** The Alpha Phi Foundation

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**ΑΞΔ**  
**Alpha Xi Delta**

**Nickname:** “A XI D”  
**Address:** 3 Strafford Ave., Durham, NH 03824  
**Founding Date:** April 17, 1893 at Lombard College in Galesburg, Illinois  
**Date Established at UNH:** September 25, 1914  
**Colors:** Double Blue and Gold  
**Motto:** “Realize Your Potential”  
**Philanthropy:** Autism Speaks
### ΑΧΩ
**Alpha Chi Omega**

**Nickname:** “Alpha Chi” or “A Chi O”  
**Address:** 29 Madbury Rd., Durham, NH 03824  
**Founding Date:** October 15, 1885 at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana  
**Date Established at UNH:** June 24, 1924  
**Colors:** Scarlett Red and Olive Green  
**Motto:** “Together Let Us Seek the Heights”  
**Philanthropy:** Alpha Chi Omega Foundation, Opening Our Hearts to Victims of Domestic Violence, MacDowell Colony

### ΚΔ
**Kappa Delta**

**Nickname:** “KD”  
**Address:** 25 Madbury Rd., Durham, NH 03824  
**Founding Date:** October 23, 1897 at State Female Normal School (Longwood University) in Farmville, Virginia  
**Date Established at UNH:** November 23, 1929  
**Colors:** Olive Green and Pearl White  
**Motto:** “Let Us Strive for that which is Honorable, Beautiful and Highest.”  
**Philanthropy:** Prevent Child Abuse America, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
### Phi Sigma Sigma

**Nickname:** “Phi Sig”  
**Address:** 2 Brook Way, Durham, NH  
**Founding Date:** November 26, 1913  
**Date Established at UNH:** December 3, 2016  
**Colors:** King Blue, Gold  
**Motto:** “Diokete Hupsala (aim high)”  
**Philanthropy:** Nationally; Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation that aims to support school and college readiness. Locally: In the process of establishing a relationship with an early education school in the area.

### Chi Omega

**Nickname:** “Chi O”  
**Address:** 11 Strafford Ave., Durham, NH 03824  
**Founding Date:** April 5, 1895 at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas  
**Date Established at UNH:** June 11, 1915  
**Colors:** Cardinal and Straw  
**Motto:** “To be Womanly Always, to be Discouraged Never”  
**Philanthropy:** Make-A-Wish Foundation
**ΔΞΦ**  
**Delta Xi Phi**  

**Nick Name:** “DXP”  
**Address:** Memorial Union Building, Room 114  
**Founding Date:** April 20, 1994 at the University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois  
**Date Established at UNH:** April 21, 2007  
**Colors:** Maroon and Navy Blue  
**Motto:** “What is possible has been done, what is impossible must be done.”  
**Philanthropy:** American Cancer Society

**ΣΑ**  
**Sigma Alpha**  

**Address:** Memorial Union Building, Room 114  
**Founding Date:** January 26, 1978 at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio  
**Date Established at UNH:** January 12, 2008  
**Colors:** Emerald and Maize  
**Motto:** “Women Excelling in Agriculture”  
**Philanthropy:** Ag in the Classroom and Heifer International
The Interfraternity Council is a governing body comprised of the NIC organizations represented at the University of New Hampshire. Consisting of eight executive members and chapter delegates, the council strives to promote a community of excellence to the University.

The Interfraternity Council continues to promote quality in all aspects of fraternity life, uphold academic excellence, improve member development and bring service to the Durham community. Furthermore, the IFC develops policy, promotes educational programming, coordinates community-wide service efforts, and fosters FSL relations.

RECRUITMENT INFORMATION
For information on Fraternity Recruitment, please visit the Interfraternity Counsel page on Wildcatlink at: wildcatlink.unh.edu/organization/IFC
**ΑΓΡ**

**Alpha Gamma Rho**

**Nick Name:** “AGR”

**Address:** 6 Strafford Ave., Durham, NH 03824

**Founding Date:** October 4th, 1904 at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio

**Date Established at UNH:** April 21st, 1924

**Colors:** Green and Gold

**Motto:** “To make better men, and through them a broader and better agriculture by surrounding our members with influences tending to encourage individual endeavor, resourcefulness and aggressive effort along lines making for the development of better mental, social, moral, and physical qualities; to promote a wider acquaintance and a broader outlook on the part of agricultural men through fellowship in a national organization that stands for the best social, mental, and moral development.”

**Philanthropy:** Leukemia-Lymphoma Society

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**ΑΣΦ**

**Alpha Sigma Phi**

**Founding Date:** December 6, 1845

**Date Established at UNH:** Provisional Chapter as of Fall 2017

**Colors:** Cardinal Red and Stone Grey

**Motto:** To Better the Man

**Philanthropy:** Homes for Troops, RAINN, The Humane Society, Big Brother Big Sister, and Aware Awake Alive
### ΑΤΩ
**Alpha Tau Omega**

**Nick Name:** “ATO”  
**Founding Date:** September 11, 1865  
**Date Established at UNH:** Delta Delta Chapter Founded in 1917  
**Colors:** Azure and Gold  
**Motto:** Love and Respect  
**Philanthropy:** Changes Annually, Supporting Leadership Development

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### ΘΧ
**Theta Chi**

**Address:** 5 Strafford Ave Durham, NH 03824  
**Fraternity Founding Date:** April 10, 1856 at Norwich University  
**Colors:** Military Red and White  
**Motto:** Assisting Hand  
**Philanthropies:** United Service Organizations (USO)

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### ΚΣ
**Kappa Sigma**

**Address:** Memorial Union Building, Room 114  
**Fraternity Founding Date:** December 10, 1869 at University of Virginia  
**Colors:** Scarlet, White, Emerald Green  
**Motto:** Fellowship, Leadership, Scholarship, Service  
**Philanthropy:** A Greater Cause
ΛΧΑ
Lambda Chi Alpha

Nick Name: “Lambda” or “Lamdba Chi”
Address: 35 Madbury Road, Durham, NH 03824
Founding Date: November 2, 1909 at Boston University in Boston, Massachusetts
Date Established at UNH: March 29, 1918
Colors: Purple, Green and Gold
Motto: “Vir Quisque Vir” (Every Man a Man)
Philanthropy: North American Food Drive, Brian Hannafin Memorial Scholarship Fund

ΣΑΕ
Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Nick Name: “SAE”
Address: 28 Madbury Road, Durham, NH 03824
Founding Date: March 9, 1856 at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Date Established at UNH: March 10, 1917
Colors: Royal Purple and Old Gold
Motto: True Gentlemen
Philanthropy: Children’s Miracle Network

ΣΒ
Sigma Beta

Address: 26 Madbury Road, Durham, NH 03824
Founding Date: April 4, 1921
Date Established at UNH: April 4, 1921
Colors: Maroon and Gold
Motto: Loyalty and Brotherhood
Philanthropy: End 68 Hours of Hunger
Sigma Nu

**Nick Name:** “Sig Nu”  
**Address:** 10 Madbury Road, Durham, NH 03824  
**Founding Date:** January 1, 1869 at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia  
**Date Established at UNH:** April 16, 1977  
**Colors:** Black, White and Gold  

**Motto:** Sigma Nu is based on the principles of Love, Honor and Truth and our motto is Excelling with Honor.

**Philanthropy:** Helping Hand Initiative (The Paul “Bear” Bryant Awards, CHARACTER COUNTS!, Habitat-for-Humanity and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital)

Sigma Chi

**Nick Name:** “Sigs”  
**Address:** Memorial Union Building, Room 114  
**Founding Date:** June 28, 1855 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio  
**Date Established at UNH:** April 27, 2013  
**Colors:** Blue and Old Gold  
**Motto:** In Hoc Signo Vinces (“In This Sign You Will Conquer”)  

**Philanthropy:** Children’s Miracle Network and Huntsman Cancer Institute
**Phi Mu Delta**

**Nick Name:** “PhiMuD”  
**Founding Date:** March 1, 1918 at Universities of Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont  
**Colors:** Princeton Orange, White, Black  
**Motto:** Brotherhood, Service, Democracy  
**Philanthropy:** St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital

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**Tau Kappa Epsilon**

**Nick Name:** “TEKE”  
**Address:** Memorial Union Building, Room 114  
**Founding Date:** January 10, 1899 at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois  
**Date Established at UNH:** January 1, 1932  
**Colors:** Cherry and Grey  
**Motto:** “Not for wealth, rank, or honor, but for personal worth and character.”  
**Philanthropy:** St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and Alzheimer’s Foundation
TO GET MORE INFORMATION about joining a Fraternity or Sorority, visit:

Wildcat Link: Office of UNH Fraternity and Sorority Life
Website: wildcatlink.unh.edu/organization/fslife

To Register for Panhellenic Council Formal Recruitment, visit https://unhpanhellenicrecruitment.mycampusdirector2.com/landing/

Interested in Joining Fraternity and Sorority Life?

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