FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

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The time you spend at Clemson will be exciting and filled with new experiences, friends, knowledge and more. All aspects of your life can be enhanced if you set yourself up to make the most out of the time you have here.

Becoming a member of Clemson University’s fraternity and sorority community is a fantastic way to make new friends, develop leadership skills, network with alumni, serve the community, get involved on campus and enhance your academic potential.

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CLEMSON FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES ARE STUDENT-LED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ENHANCE THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM.

We provide excellent leadership, scholarship, service and social opportunities and better prepare members to make significant contributions beyond the undergraduate experience.
JOINING A FRATERNITY AND SORORITY IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO MAKE FRIENDS, BUILD A NETWORK WITHIN THE LARGER CLEMSON COMMUNITY AND BECOME WELL-ROUNDED.

ACADEMICS
Grades are an important component for both seeking and maintaining membership in a fraternity or sorority. In Fall 2021, the all-FSL grade point average was 3.384, and 78.8% of all members achieved over 3.0. The six-year graduation rate is 92.77% (Fall 2015 cohort) and freshmen-sophomore retention rate is 97.68% (Fall 2020 cohort).

LEADERSHIP
Members of fraternities and sororities have opportunities to serve in elected officer positions and appointed committees within their chapters. The skills you learn in these roles like running meetings, teambuilding, event planning and budgeting greatly prepare you for life after college. Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) also provides a variety of leadership development programming for emerging leaders and chapter officers throughout the academic year.
SERVICE
Every fraternity and sorority has national and local service and philanthropic projects they support every year. FSL also co-sponsors the annual Fall In Day of Service and the Dominican Republic winter break service trip in which members can participate. In the last calendar year, members raised $1,118,523.36 and served 61,080 hours.

PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Members will participate in a wide variety of personal and professional development programs sponsored by their chapters, governing councils or Clemson departments. Program topics focus on five themes: academic engagement, personal health and well-being, community impact, personal information, self discovery, global citizenship, diversity and inclusion.

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT
Our members are not only heavily involved in their chapters, but they are also actively engaged in many aspects of campus life. You can find fraternity and sorority members involved in organizations like Undergraduate Student Government, Orientation Ambassadors, Clemson University Guide Association, Student Alumni Council, IPTAY Student Advisory Board, Blue Key and many more.
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During the Spring 2016 semester, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life worked with the presidents of the fraternity and sorority governing councils and chapters to develop a long-term funding model that will be supported through a Fraternity and Sorority Life Fee. The purpose of this fee is to provide the fraternities and sororities with a sustainable advising and programming model to create a membership experience that is congruent with both the University’s and the organizations’ mission, purpose and values. This fee will be assessed to affiliated students each semester on their tuition bill throughout the duration of their membership in a fraternity or sorority at Clemson University.

The fee allows the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to be a self-funded department, and the money generated goes toward providing increased staffing, training and developmental programs for the community. The Fraternity and Sorority Life Advisory Board, comprised of alumni, advisers and students, assist the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life in making strategic budgetary decisions on programming initiatives from the money generated by the fee each year. The fee is $60 per semester.
Returning members will be charged when bills are released in July and November. During the first semester of membership for students joining or transferring into an organization in the College Panhellenic Association or Interfraternity Council, the charge will be made on their tuition bills in late September and February. Students participating in the Membership Intake Process for the Multicultural Greek Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council will be charged during their first full semester of membership due to the timing of Intake during the previous semester.

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SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.
SIGMA KAPPA
SIGMA LAMBDA GAMMA NATIONAL SORORITY, INC.
ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.
ZETA TAU ALPHA

CLEMSON’S FOUR COUNCILS:

CPA
COLLEGE PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION
IFC
INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL
MGC
MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL
NPHC
NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL
### Clemson Fraternities

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The College Panhellenic Association is the programming and governing body of the 13 National Panhellenic Conference sororities at Clemson University. The Panhellenic community is comprised of approximately 4,081 women with an average chapter size of 333. The council consists of one delegate from each chapter and nine executive officers. The Clemson Panhellenic Council plans and oversees the execution of the primary recruitment process in the fall, hosts educational sessions and develops and implements Panhellenic sisterhood events to enhance the unity between all chapters, and they actively support GirlUp GVL.

Every Fall semester, the Clemson Panhellenic Association hosts a primary recruitment process for the 13 chapters it governs. To learn more about the process, please visit clemsonpanhellenic.com.
CPA VALUES
Sisterhood
Scholarship
Leadership
Philanthropy

CPA MEMBER SORORITIES:
ALPHA CHI OMEGA
ALPHA DELTA PI
ALPHA PHI
CHI OMEGA
DELTA DELTA DELTA
DELTA GAMMA
DELTA ZETA
GAMMA PHI BETA
KAPPA DELTA
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PI BETA PHI
SIGMA KAPPA
ZETA TAU ALPHA
The Interfraternity Council (IFC) serves as the governing body of the 22 IFC fraternities at Clemson University. Each chapter has an average of about 85 men.

Clemson University’s IFC community is dedicated to building future leaders by providing numerous leadership opportunities. Campus leaders include men involved in Student Government, IPTAY, TigerLive Entertainment, Blue Key and FCA.

The IFC fraternities at Clemson University realize excelling in academics is the top priority of all students. The FSL community consistently finishes at or above the University grade point average. IFC fraternity life offers a wide variety of academic advantages including tutoring programs, peer advisement and study hours.

IFC hosts Recruitment or “Rush” in both the fall and spring. Registration and requirements to rush can be found online at clemson-ifc.com.
IFC MISSION

The mission of the Interfraternity Council is to govern, serve, represent and promote, with the highest standard of integrity, its member fraternities. We exist as a resource to facilitate the growth and development of fraternity men in the areas of personal and fraternal responsibility, leadership, scholastic achievement, civic engagement and brotherhood.

IFC MEMBER FRATERNITIES:

ALPHA GAMMA RHO
ALPHA SIGMA PHI
ALPHA TAU OMEGA
BETA THETA PI
BETA UPSILON CHI
CHI PHI
CHI PSI
DELTA CHI
FARMHOUSE
KAPPA ALPHA ORDER
KAPPA SIGMA
PHI DELTA THETA
PHI GAMMA DELTA
PHI KAPPA TAU (FALL 2022)
PHI SIGMA KAPPA
PI KAPPA ALPHA
PSI UPSILON
SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON
SIGMA NU
TAU KAPPA EPSILON
THETA CHI
TRIANGLE
ZETA BETA TAU
Multicultural Greek Council affiliated students seek to engage the Clemson community and educate them about the cultural diversity they bring. The MGC continues to promote unity through diversity by celebrating differences and connecting common goals from each organization through brotherhood/sisterhood.

Each MGC fraternity and sorority brings in new members at various times of the year and has different requirements for membership. The organizations will host an informational or interest meeting or rush events in which the criteria for membership is explained. These organizations are permitted to host their new member process on the chapters’ schedule and/or their need for growth. Some organizations host the new member process each semester; others only do so once a year. The current average chapter size is eight members.

More information can be found at clemsonmgc.org.
**MGC MISSION**

The mission of the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) is to foster a unified multicultural community and to promote scholarship, service, respect, unity and cultural awareness.

**MGC MEMBER FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES:**

DELTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.  
(ASIAN INTEREST SORORITY)

LAMBDA THETA PHI LATIN FRATERNITY, INC.  
(LATINO INTEREST FRATERNITY)

HERMANDAD DE SIGMA IOTA ALPHA, INC.  
(LATINA INTEREST SORORITY)

PI ALPHA PHI FRATERNITY, INC.  
(ASIAN INTEREST FRATERNITY)

SIGMA LAMBDA GAMMA NATIONAL SORORITY, INC.  
(LATINA/MULTICULTURAL INTEREST SORORITY)
The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) serves as the governing council for nine historically African American fraternities and sororities, eight of which are currently represented at Clemson University. The council fosters interaction and collaboration among its organizations through student development, social activities, community engagement and service initiatives.

Each NPHC fraternity and sorority brings in new members at various times of the year through a process called Membership Intake. These organizations are permitted to conduct intake based on the chapters’ schedule and/or their need for growth. Some organizations conduct intake each semester; others only do so once a year.

NPHC hosts an information session about its organization’s requirements and expectations of membership at the beginning of each semester known as NPHC Orientation. Learn more at nphcclemson.com.
**NPHC MISSION**

The mission of NPHC is the unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the conduct of Greek letter collegiate fraternities and sororities and to its member organizations.

**NPHC MEMBER FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES:**

- ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.
- ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.
- DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.
- KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.
- OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.
- PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.
- SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.
- ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.
The mission of the Clemson Fraternity and Sorority Life Wellness Advocates is to provide an inclusive fraternity and sorority community where students can reflect and learn about safety and holistic health by providing resources as well as implementing year-long programming.

The FSL Wellness Advocates strive to host monthly events to educate the fraternity and sorority community. Events include topics regarding academic performance, challenging the fraternity/sorority stereotype, hazing prevention, alcohol awareness, healthy relationships, nutrition/exercising/stress management, sexual assault awareness and more.

All FSL Wellness Advocates go through training at the beginning of their role and throughout the semester to ensure they are educated in health and wellness related topics before educating the community.

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Fraternity and Sorority Life Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Ambassadors (FSL DEI) is an organization within Fraternity and Sorority Life composed of affiliated students who applied for the role. FSL DEI Ambassadors exist to educate the Clemson fraternity and sorority community on topics of diversity, equity and inclusion, and their importance within fraternities and sororities through programming, trainings and dialogue.

All FSL DEI Ambassadors receive 10 hours of training in the beginning of the role. This training covers the following topics: understanding identity, oppression and privilege; history of fraternities and sororities; LGBTQAI+ Ally training; and more.
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AWARDS

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE AWARDS

The Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards Ceremony (co-hosted by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Order of Omega) is hosted annually in April to celebrate the accomplishments of the previous calendar year. Many different categories of awards are presented to celebrate the successes of our chapters, members, and fraternity and sorority community. The awards consist of Order of Omega Individual Awards, Fraternity Sorority Housing Awards, Programming Awards, Chapter Excellence Awards, Members of the Year and Chapters of the Year.

Congratulations to all of the winners listed below from the 2022 Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards:

CHAPTERS OF THE YEAR

Amanda H. Hays Cup (College Panhellenic Association): Alpha Delta Pi
Dr. Jerome V. Reel, Jr. Cup (Interfraternity Council): Beta Upsilon Chi
Founders Cup (Multicultural Greek Council): Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.
Altheia L. Richardson Cup (National Pan-Hellenic Council): Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

College Panhellenic Association:
Anna Rhett Allen, Alpha Delta Pi

Interfraternity Council:
Noah Ashley, Beta Upsilon Chi

Multicultural Greek Council:
Patrick Macalintal, Pi Alpha Phi Fraternity, Inc.

National Pan-Hellenic Council:
Jamison Taylor, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Aundrea Gibbons, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

ORDER OF OMEGA AWARDS

Athlete of the Year:
Will Marrapodi, Pi Kappa Alpha
Brooke Stride, Alpha Delta Pi

Chapter Adviser of the Year:
Dr. Jerome McClendon, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Emerging Leader:
Trabia McFall, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

John Robert Clinton Greek Unity Award:
Madelyn Stafford, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

New Member of the Year:
Spencer Marchant, Chi Phi

Friends of the Greeks Award:
Nicole Rife, Clemson University Police Department

Personal Academic Achievement Award:
Sophia Hennessy, Pi Beta Phi

Unsung Hero Award:
Jamison Taylor, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

**FSL UNIVERSITY HOUSING AWARDS**
(Awarded by Fraternity Sorority Housing)

House Manager of the Year:
Jared Salazar, Pi Kappa Alpha
Kaiya Cook, Alpha Delta Pi

Chapter Housing Experience of the Year:
Alpha Tau Omega; Pi Beta Phi

**FSL PROGRAMMING AWARDS**

Health and Wellness Program of the Year
(Awarded by the FSL Wellness Advocates)
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Program of the Year
(Awarded by the FSL Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Ambassadors)
Delta Zeta
The Epsilon Kappa chapter of Order of Omega is the premier leadership honor society for the Clemson Fraternity and Sorority Community. Membership is reserved for the top 3% of leaders in the Fraternity and Sorority Community. Order of Omega recognizes juniors and seniors who have exemplified high standards in areas of scholarship, leadership and involvement within their community, their respective fraternities and sororities, and their councils. Among this group are chapter presidents, council exec members, tour guides, Calhoun Honors College students, volunteers, Orientation Ambassadors, tutors, 4.0 recipients, student government leaders and many more. Order of Omega hosts various programming throughout the year for the entire fraternity and sorority community. A few of their signature programs include the Order of Omega Professional Development Summit, Greeks and Ghosts in conjunction with the City of Clemson, and the Order of Omega Individual Awards as part of the Annual Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards. Contact Order of Omega at cuorderofomegamembership@clemson.edu.

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HOUSING

FRATERNITY SORORITY HOUSING
There is no traditional “Greek Village.”

Twenty-two groups currently have on-campus housing in the form of a residential area with designated floors/halls of a building in one of two areas.

Fraternity and Sorority Quad: 17 groups (IFC and CPA) Bryan Mall (Smith and Barnett): five groups (all CPA)

Members typically live on the chapter hall during their second year of membership, housing contracts are typically signed around October.

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GET INVOLVED

CLEMSON GREEK EMERGING LEADERS

Clemson Greek Emerging Leaders is a program designed for members of the fraternity and sorority community within their first year of membership in their organization (although these students are primarily freshmen or sophomores, upperclassmen are welcome if they are new to fraternity and sorority life). Participants attend six sessions throughout the semester that focus on understanding the Clemson FSL community, their individual leadership styles, building relationships with peers and leading positive change within their community.

ALTERNATIVE BREAK SERVICE TRIP

The Center for Student Leadership and Engagement and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) send students on an annual Alternative Winter Break Service Trip to work with Cambiando Vidas in the Dominican Republic! Cambiando Vidas is a U.S.-based organization building international partnerships through the construction of safe and affordable houses for deserving families in the Dominican Republic.
HAZING POLICY

UNIVERSITY HAZING DEFINITION

All Clemson University community members and organizations are expected to refrain from hazing. (See Clemson University Student Code of Conduct, Section IX.A.13)

Hazing is any situation created or action taken — for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with or as a condition for continued membership in an organization — which meets one or more of the criteria below. Hazing can be intentional or unintentional and can occur with or without consent. Hazing is also any act that meets the definition of hazing contained in South Carolina Code of Laws section 59-101-200. (See scstatehouse.gov/code/t59c101.php)

Situations/actions that constitute hazing are: negligent or reckless in nature; potentially harmful to physical safety and health, psychological well-being and/or opportunities for Academic Success; or not reflective of the University’s mission purpose or values.

Such activities and situations may include but are not limited to: paddling; physical or psychological shocks; forced (whether explicit or implicit) consumption of food, water, alcohol or drugs; kidnapping or abandonment; line-ups and berating; morally degrading behavior; any form of personal servitude; forced (whether explicit or implicit) wearing, publicly or privately, of inappropriate costumes; interference with academic pursuits; or forced (whether explicit or implicit) participation in activities that are illegal or violate University policy.

FSL and OCES (Office of Community and Ethical Standards) investigate all reported hazing incidents when we receive at least the name of the organization and details of the incident.
WAYS TO REPORT

Anyone with knowledge of hazing should report the hazing to the Office of Community and Ethical Standards, Clemson University Police or Fraternity and Sorority Life at:

- OCES: 864-656-0510
- CUPD: 864-656-2222
- FSL: 864-656-7578

Online reports can be submitted by completing an Incident Report form. To report online:
clemson.edu/studentaffairs/reports.html

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Anti-Hazing Hotline: fraternallaw.com/help-us-stop-hazing
- HazingPrevention.org: hazingprevention.org
- Stop Hazing: stophazing.org
- Gordie’s Call: gordie.studenthealth.virginia.edu

TUCKER HIPPS TRANSPARENCY ACT

In compliance with the Tucker Hipps Transparency Act, Clemson University’s Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life publicizes all violations of the Student Code of Conduct by student organizations. A listing of these violations is accessible via our website: clemson.edu/campus-life/fraternity-sorority-life/conduct-reports.html
**Active:** A fully initiated member of a fraternity or sorority.

**Alumna:** A member of a women’s fraternal organization who is no longer an undergraduate or active in her collegiate chapter. Plural: Alumnae.

**Alumnus:** A member of a men’s fraternal organization who is no longer an undergraduate. Plural: Alumni.

**Associate Chapter:** Known as a “trial period” for a new organization that is awaiting official Chapter Status recognition from their national to establish a letter chapter on their campus.

**Associate Member:** A person who has accepted a bid but is not yet initiated into a sorority or fraternity. See also “New Member.”

**Badge:** A “pin” worn by fully initiated members of each fraternity or sorority that carries its official insignia.

**Bid:** An invitation to join a sorority or fraternity. It is also a formal invitation to be a potential/prospective new member for some culturally based organizations.

**Bid Day:** The last day of CPA and IFC Recruitment when PNMs receive bids to join chapters and become new members.

**Big:** Nickname for big sister or brother, a mentor assigned to a new member. Many organizations have special names for these pairings.

**Brother:** An active or alumni member of a fraternity.

**Brotherhood:** The common term for the bond between members of the same fraternity.

**Call:** A sound used by members of culturally based organizations or NPHC used to acknowledge or gain the attention of others.

**Chapter:** A local member group of a national organization.

**Charter:** The official document drafted by an Inter/National fraternity or sorority that allows for the creation of a local chapter that is affiliated with a college or university campus.
**Class or “New Member Class:”** A term used to name new members of a Panhellenic Council or Interfraternity Council organization who all joined during the same semester.

**College Panhellenic Association (CPA):** The governing body of the 13 CPA sororities. These sororities were founded as historically white women’s sororities at Clemson. CPA sororities are open to all women interested in joining provided they meet the membership requirements of the organization; however, interest alone does not guarantee a woman will receive an offer to join. Everyone who joins a Panhellenic sorority automatically becomes a member of the Panhellenic community. CPA strives to provide communication between the organizations and connects them to the local and university community.

**Continuous Open Bidding (COB):** The period in which a CPA sorority not at Campus Total is able to recruit members. The COB process is less formal, and not all chapters will participate in COB.

**Crest:** Insignia used by sorority and fraternity members. Most Greek organizations reserve the crest for initiated members only. Each crest has hidden, secret meanings behind it. Also known as a coat of arms, shield or armorial bearings.

**Crossing:** Ceremony during which new members of culturally based and NPHC organizations become active, lifelong members of their organization.

**Crossing Date/Year:** A term for initiating into a culturally based Greek organization or NPHC organization. Usually used to refer to when a member joined their organization — the term and year they joined.
Dues: The monetary costs of membership in a fraternity or sorority. These fees are used to cover the costs of operation, formal events, social activities and other events, depending on the organization.

Expansion: When an organization is looking to expand and open a new establishment of a Greek-letter organization at a college or university.

Founder’s Day: An event celebrated by fraternities and sororities to highlight the founding of their organization and celebrate its history. It’s not necessarily held on the day the organization was founded.

Fraternity: The name applied to Greek organizations, including both men’s and women’s organizations. There are several types of fraternities at Clemson, including social fraternities, service fraternities, professional fraternities and honorary fraternities. Clemson Fraternity and Sorority Life works with social fraternities and governing bodies directly: Interfraternity Council (IFC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), National Panhellenic Council (NPC) and Multicultural Greek Council (MGC).

Formal Recruitment: A designated recruitment period during which a series of organized events are held by each NPC sorority or IFC fraternity. At Clemson this is organized and implemented by the CPA or IFC.

Governing Council: Also known as an umbrella council, generally supports and acts as a voice for organizations within it, including being the official sponsored student organization and liaison between the university and the members of the member organizations.

Greeks: Members of a fraternity or sorority. The term “Greek” is used because a majority of fraternities and sororities use Greek letters to distinguish themselves.

Hand Signs: Signs that only a member of an organization can “throw up.” Most signs have a deep meaning to a organization or ritualistic symbol.

Hazing: Any willful act or practice by a member directed against a member or new member, which, with or without intent, is likely to: cause bodily harm or danger, offensive punishment or disturbing pain; compromise the person’s dignity; cause embarrassment or shame in public; cause the person to be the object of malicious amusement or ridicule; cause psychological harm or substantial emotional strain; and/or impair academic efforts. In addition, hazing is any requirement by a member that compels a member or new member to participate in any activity that is illegal; contrary to moral or religious beliefs; or contrary to the rules and regulations of the sorority/fraternity, institution of learning and civil authorities.

IFC Informal Recruitment/Rush: A period of time after formal rush where IFC organizations can hold events to recruit new members. It is called informal because potential members need not follow a designated schedule.
**Initiation:** A ceremony during which new members receive lifelong membership privileges into the organization of which they have chosen to be a part.

**Intake:** Term for the process by which Multicultural Greek Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council members are selected to become new members of an organization. This is generally much more secretive than recruitment or rush for CPA or IFC members, but generally includes an application and an interview process followed by an educational program done at the regional level conducted by alumni and then an initiation (generally known as “crossing”).

**Interest:** A way to refer to someone who is interested in joining a FSL organization.

**Interest Group:** A group of individuals on campus in the first stage of the process leading to installation as a FSL organization.

**Interfraternity Council (IFC):** The governing body for the 22 IFC Fraternities. These fraternities were founded as historically white men’s fraternities at Clemson. IFC fraternities are open to all men interested in joining provided they meet the membership requirements of the organization; however, interest alone does not guarantee a man will receive an offer to join. IFC strives to provide communication between the fraternal organizations and connects organizations to the local and university community.
**Legacy:** Each organization has its own definition of a “legacy.” It is generally defined as an immediate family member of an initiated member, such as a sister/brother or daughter/son. Some sororities also recognize extended family members as legacies as well.

**Line:** A term used by culturally based and NPHC organizations to name a group of new members who all joined during the same term, semester or pledge class. They are the potential new members of the organization. Lines are often given names.

**Line name/number:** The name given to a prospective/new member that represents them as a person, usually a noun, adjective or acronym. Culturally based organizations and NPHC organizations also assign a line number to their new members (such as ace, duece, tre, etc.)

**Little:** Short for “little brother/sister” — a new member who is being mentored by an older member of their organization.

**Multicultural Greek Council (MGC):** The governing council at Clemson for fraternities and sororities with a cultural or ethnic interest. MGC fraternities and sororities are open to all men and women interested in joining provided they meet the membership requirements of the organization; however, interest alone does not guarantee a person will receive an offer to join. MGC strives to connect the organizations and the local Clemson community through academic, social and service events.

**National Panhellenic Conference (NPC):** Founded in 1902, NPC provides support and guidance for its 26 member inter/national sororities/women’s fraternities and serves as the national voice on contemporary issues of sorority life. NPC serves as the umbrella organization for CPA. Clemson has 13 NPC-affiliated sororities.

**National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC):** A national council composed of nine historically black, Greek-letter organizations at both the college and alumni level. NPHC fraternities and sororities are open to all men and women interested in joining provided they meet the membership requirements of the organization; however, interest alone does not guarantee a person will receive an offer to join. Clemson has eight, four sororities and four fraternities, of the nine represented on campus. NPHC is also commonly referred to as “The Divine Nine.”

**Nationals:** Fraternity and sorority members often refer to their national/international headquarters or offices as “Nationals.” These offices are responsible for making policies for the individual organizations at all of the colleges and universities where their organization recruits members.

**Neo or Neophyte:** A new member of a culturally based organization or an NPHC organization.

**North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC):** A national organization comprised of 66 fraternal organizations (mostly for men), each of which is autonomous as a social, Greek letter society of college men.
New Member: A person who has accepted a bid but is not yet initiated to a sorority or fraternity.

New Member Educator: The liaison between the new members and the chapter. They are responsible for implementing and monitoring the new member program and preparing the new members for initiation.

New Member Presentation: A presentation that celebrates and welcomes new members in the Multicultural Greek community or NPHC Community. See “probate.”

New Member Program: The time period where the new member learns about their new sorority or fraternity before initiation. This time frame lasts from Bid Day until Initiation. Formerly called pledge period (and still called this in some fraternities).

Officers: Initiated members who currently hold positions within their Greek organization or governing body.

Philanthropy: This is an event hosted by a fraternity or sorority to raise money for a national or local nonprofit organization.

Pi Chi: Also known as a recruitment counselor, a CPA sorority member who is disassociated from her chapter during Primary Recruitment to assists PNMs through the process. Each PNM is assigned a Pi Chi.

Potential New Member (PNM): A person who is interested in joining a Greek-letter organization and will participate in rush,
intake or recruitment; often abbreviated to PNM. PNM is most commonly used in the Panhellenic recruitment process.

Probate: An official public presentation of initiation used by culturally based and NPHC organizations. The presentation may consist of knowledge learned, skills gained and values understood. This is a proud moment of historical significance for new members of these organizations. In most cases, this is the first time when newly initiated members of each fraternity/sorority are revealed to the rest of campus. The official term for a probate has changed to New Member Presentation.

Prophyte or “Old Head”: A term used to refer to an older brother/sister from a culturally based organization.

Recharter/Reestablishment: A process where a fraternity or a sorority that was previously on campus receives another charter to recruit members on the same campus. Recolonization can happen because a chapter died out due to low numbers or had their charter revoked.

Recruitment: The process through which sororities and fraternities get new members.

Ritual: The traditional rites and ceremonies of a fraternity or sorority; these are usually private and known only to initiated members of a fraternal organization.

Saluting: Saluting is a tradition common to many Latino-Greek Organizations. Salute/Saluting is a unique art of reciting information in a line formation. Put quite simply, it’s “poetry in motion.” Involves a line of members performing intense, in-sync and sharp hand and body movements with greetings attributed to others, honoring past and current accomplishments or cherishing the cultural history, heritage and traditions of the entire organization.

Sister: An active member of a sorority.

Sisterhood: The common term for the bond between members of the same sorority.

Stroll: A synchronized dance, normally done in a line of members, that displays pride and knowledge of their organization and its values. Organizations usually have national strolls and local strolls that incorporate a variety of different moves and hand signs that are unique for that organization.

Stepping: Stepping is a performance tradition where members synchronize their moves without music. In stepping the members will clap, stomp with their feet, jump, chant (not to be confused with saluting) and create their own beat by doing so. Stepping is traditionally done by NPHC organizations, but some multicultural organizations participate as well.
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