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SHSU Greek Life's Mission, Purpose, and Goal

The mission of SHSU's Greek Life program is to build an extensive Greek community that will assist the university in heightening the collegiate experience through its fraternal commitments to academic achievement, community service, leadership, and the formation of fraternal alliance.

The purpose of SHSU's Greek Life program is to serve as the liaison and as a resource to the collegiate chapters, alumni, parents, international organizations, and Sam Houston State University through providing educational programs, workshops, materials, and direction to members of the Greek community to uphold their fraternal principles.

The goal of SHSU's Greek Life program is to continually produce a distinguished Greek community that exalts academic excellence, leadership, and service which embodies the core values of Sam Houston State University.

4 Pillars of Greek Life

The four pillars of Greek Life reflect the values members of the SHSU Greek community strive to uphold. Concentrating on these four important areas ensures that Greek members will be versatile individuals ready to successfully handle their world during and beyond their collegiate years.

Scholarship - Academic excellence is a vital aspect of Greek Life membership at Sam Houston State University. Scholastic standards are important for each individual fraternity or sorority as well as the Greek community as a whole. Programming, incentives, recognition, and ongoing support are provided to help the Greek community pursue academic success. Academic achievement is the reason students are at SHSU; fraternities and sororities are constructed to help their members meet that goal.

Leadership - Developing leaders today for life after college is an essential part of Greek involvement. Greek members participate in a variety of programs that provide leadership advancement. There are many ways to be a leader in SHSU's Greek community, including chapter and/or council officer positions, national or regional leadership conferences, campus-based leadership opportunities, and committee involvement.

Service – Service is the backbone of Greek Life involvement at SHSU. It is perhaps the most honorable of the pillars, as members are given opportunities to participate in hands-on volunteer work as well as engage in philanthropic events to raise money for charitable organizations. These opportunities ensure that Greek members leave a positive lasting impression on their community and build continuous habits of giving back.

Brotherhood/Sisterhood – Joining a fraternity or sorority is about making lifelong relationships that carry-on beyond the boundaries of ordinary friendships. Bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood are created within an organization and provide SHSU Greeks with a home away from home, guidance, career networking, and a sense of community at growing university. Greek members enjoy lifelong bonds and connections with friends that can provide support in life's momentous occasions and celebration in life's accomplishments.

The Facts of "Greek" Life

- 85% of the Fortune 500 executives are members of Greek organizations.
- 25 United States Presidents have belonged to Greek-letter organizations.
- Largest network of volunteers in the US, completing/ providing for performing 10 million hours of volunteer services a year: own and manage \$3 billion in student housing.
- House 250,000 students in 8,000 facilities
- 9 million members total
- 750,000 undergraduate members
- 12,000 chapters
- Located on 800 campuses in USA and Canada
- 123 Fraternities and Sororities
- 66 NIC (National Interfraternity Conference) Men's Fraternities
- 26 NPC (National Panhellenic Conference) Women's Fraternities
- 9 NPHC (National Pan-Hellenic Council) groups
- 22 NALFO (National Association of Latino/Latina Fraternal Organizations) groups

Hazing Hotline

SHSU's Hazing Hotline allows you to assist us in preventing hazing. If you become aware of a hazing incident or feel uncomfortable in a situation that you believe is hazing, don't hesitate to call (936) 294-1785 or email us at doso@shsu.edu immediately. You will be able to leave a confidential message with the Dean of Student Office, and we encourage you to please include as much detailed information as possible.