**IMPORTANT DATES**

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

**THE FACTS:**
- 725,000 undergraduate members at more than 9,700 chapters on over 800 campuses
- Approximately 8.5 million living members

**GREEKS AS LEADERS:**
- 44% of U.S. Presidents
- 31% of all Supreme Court justices
- 27% of Congress
- 15% of Fortune 100 CEOs
From a Fraternity New Member’s Perspective

Excerpt from “Conformity and Hazing Within our Fraternal Communities” Jessica McPherin, Leigh University, AFA Essentials, March, 2014.

“The day to day operations of our new member class would periodically be supplemented with “events.” These “events” or “special nights” were carefully planned and executed. We were told that they had been doing these certain events for many years, as it was part of the tradition of the chapter. Everything seemed to be a tradition. The events would usually involve all of us completing certain tasks or obstacles either individually or as a unit with consequences for not being able to accomplish the almost always impossible task. Afterwards we would talk about our experience during the events, creating a sense of togetherness through shared experience. We were told that these events were one more way for our pledge class to become more cohesive as we completed obstacles together as a single unit.

The end did finally come, and it couldn’t have come soon enough. As a pledge class, we began to argue and became more irritated with each other. The uncertainty of the end goal led to many people questioning why they were making this commitment. Was being a member of this fraternity worth all of the long nights, stress, and anxiety? I remember initiation day being filled with anger, fear, excitement, and relief. We had finally earned our place as brothers in the chapter. The process that began many months prior during recruitment finally came to a close. The excitement of the night and the future of being a brother in the organization was only slightly diminished by the realization of what our brothers had just put us through.”

Social conformity is a type of influence that results in a change of behavior or belief in order to fit in with a group. The desire to fit in (normative conformity) and the desire to be correct (informational conformity) are two different ways of conforming (McLeod, 2007).

Many new members are experiencing fear and anxiety about fitting in with their peers. The desire to conform and to fit in is the ultimate goal. It is important not to confuse conformity with obedience. Conformity is a response to a group whereas obedience is a response to authority.

New members have a tendency to lose their “old self” during the new member education process, as they are given new identity kits, social relations, definitions of self, and shift to a new reference group (Sweet, 1999).

It is important that we step back and actually assess why our students are hazing. Hazing occurs because organizations sometimes define it as a necessary part of their initiation rites, and they package it carefully to new members so as to produce compliance through obedience (Sweet, 1999).
We have the ability to be agents in redefining hazing so that members recognize the need for change. To do that, though, we need to be able to have open and honest dialog about the situations occurring in our organizations.

Secrecy is a large part of how our fraternity and sorority organizations operate. This reality is problematic because we cannot get to the root of hazing without honesty. New members can’t talk about what is really going on without feeling an immense fear of losing everything that we had worked for. It is vital to the life of our organizations that we develop relationships which allow for open and honest dialog without the fear of dissolution. We can continue to provide educational workshops and speakers, but we won’t address the problem until we have relationships built upon trust and openness.


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**LSU GREEK HAzing PREVENTION WEEK RECAP:**
**September 21-25 2015**

National Hazing Prevention Week is an annual week of activities and programs to raise awareness of the problem of hazing. We aim to educate students, staff, faculty, parents and the Baton Rouge community on the implications of hazing and how to prevent hazing.

**What happened during this year’s Hazing Prevention Week?**

**Letters to Parents of IFC new Members**
Letters were sent to all IFC new members’ home address discussing the implications of being found responsible of hazing – sent Friday, Sept 18th.

**#HazingHasNoFace Video Release**
All LSU received an email with the newly released #HazingHasNoFace Video produced by LSU.

**Greek Life Speaks Out! – The Daily Reveille Ads**
The Tuesday and Wednesday of Hazing Prevention Week had ads on hazing information.

**Let’s Talk About How We Treat Our New Members presented by GLI- Sept. 24, 2015**
Chapter members met and discussed hazing prevention.

**Hazing Prevention Week Photo Contest- ALL WEEK**
Students participated in Hazing Prevention Week by submitting photos to the LSU Greek Life Facebook and Twitter of themselves as well as friends supporting the cause. Many students got creative and showed us how they stand up against hazing! LSU Bookstore gift cards were awarded for the top photos.
MYTH:
HAZING IS NO MORE THAN FOOLISH PRANKS THAT GO AWRY.

FACT:
HAZING IS AN ACT OF POWER AND CONTROL OVER OTHERS. IT IS VICTIMIZATION! HAZING IS PRE-MEDITATED AND NOT ACCIDENTAL. HAZING IS ABUSIVE, DEGRADING, AND OFTEN LIFE-THREATENING.

HAZING AWARENESS WEEK: SEPT 21-25
Confidentially report hazing to reporthazing@lsu.edu
Anti-Hazing Hotline: 1-888-NOT-HAZE | www.stophazing.org
WHAT’S COMING UP NEXT?

Team ADPi:
Applications and interviews are underway for Team ADpi- our Panhellenic team of sisters that will serve, support, coach, mentor, connect and usher in our 12th NPC sorority- Alpha Delta Pi! ADPi will colonize in September 2016.

Trick or Treat Down the Row:
Beware! LSU’s Panhellenic Council is having its annual Trick or Treat Down the Row event on Sunday, October 25th from 3-5pm. This family-friendly event is perfect for children of all ages who want to get a jumpstart practicing their Trick-or-Treating skills before Halloween! Participating sororities and fraternities will each have a themed house with various treats, inflatables and more! If you wish to make a donation, the Panhellenic Council will be accepting toys for Live2Serve along the route. Admission is free and open to the public. Join us if you dare!

Step Up or Step Aside:
The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) will be hosting the 7th annual Step Up or Step Aside Step Show on October 9th at 7:00 pm in the Baton Rouge River Center Arena. This year teams were challenged to think outside of the box. Each team selected a theme at random and were tested to see how they could adapt to the show themes pulled out of the SUSA Mystery Bag. You do not want to miss this year’s show! Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at the Baton Rouge River Center Ticket Office.

Collab Learning Space:
The Greek Life Collaborative Learning Space is open from 8am to 11pm during LSU midterms the week of Oct. 12-16. Complimentary printing and study group facilitation is provided. Students are encouraged to visit the “Collab space,” in room 457 of the Student Union for more information on tutoring support. Greek Life Collaborative Learning Graduate Assistant, Isaiah Mayfield, holds regular office hours and can be contacted at imayfieldk4@gmail.com.
NPHC

If you missed Wild Out Wednesday, August 26, 2015, you will be able to enjoy mixing and mingling with members of the NPHC community at important events in October.

October 2, 2015 - Fall Fest, Parade Ground
October 9, 2015 - Step Up or Step Aside, BR River Center
October 23, 2015 - New Member Presentation, Greek Amphitheater

Wild Out Wednesday, August 26, 2015

Good to Great Leadership Forum

2015 GLI Recap:
The Greek Leadership Institute presented the second annual Good to Great leadership forum on Sept. 27 from 12-5pm in the Cotillion Ballroom. Based on the bestselling book, Good to Great, by Jim Collins, this leadership program enabled participants to explore how to progress from a good leader to a great leader through team building and interactive activities. Thank you to GLI and all the students who participated in this successful event!

In Memory of Joseph Delaune

The Greek community at LSU sends prayers to the family and friends of Warner “Joseph” Delaune III, who, on September 24, 2015, passed away after battling cancer. Joseph was an alumnus of St. Aloysius School and Catholic High School in Baton Rouge and a beloved member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Joseph was a senior LSU Honors College, majoring in Psychology, with the aspiration of attending medical school. He was an extraordinary leader who accomplished many things in his young life. In high school, Joseph was a National Merit Finalist, Catholic High School Man of the Year, Golden Bear recipient, Catholic High School Drama Club President, a participant in Youth of the Year Exchange Club of Baton Rouge, and an active member of St. Aloysius Youth Group among many other extraordinary accomplishments. Joseph was a member of Phi Delta Theta and Student Government at LSU, serving as treasurer for both organizations. He was a certified EMT at Baton Rouge EMS and was passionate about serving and healing others.

Joseph passed peacefully, surrounded by his family and new wife, Brooke Hotard Delaune, who is a member of Delta Zeta sorority.
Order of Omega and Rho Lambda present:

MEET the NEW DEAN OF STUDENTS

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

7PM at the Kappa Delta House - Refreshments Provided!

Dr. Mari Fuentes-Martin received her bachelor’s degree in history and business administration and her master’s degree in not-for-profit administration, both from the University of Notre Dame, and received a Doctorate of Education from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. She has more than 24 years of experience in higher education, serving in a dean of students role for the past 15 years.

During her career, Fuentes-Martin has received a number of awards and profession development recognitions including Women’s Leadership Institute Spelman and Johnson Group Scholarship, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities Kellogg MMI Fellowship, Leadership Texas Class of 2005, Student Affairs Going the Extra Mile Award and the Women’s Center for Education and Service at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Pioneer Award, among others.
GREEK LIFE

VALUES:

Discover: Foster an environment that encourages the exploration of new opportunities and experiences.  
Engage: Provide quality programs, services, and opportunities in which faculty, staff and students interact with one another and the surrounding community.  
Learn: Create a student centered learning environment that develops engaged citizens and enlightened leaders.  
Diverse and Inclusive: Enhance the LSU community’s understanding and appreciation of diversity and inclusion.  
Social Responsibility: Promote a community of responsible, active and ethical citizens.  
Operational Excellence: Use assessment and innovation for the continuous improvement of processes, programs, facilities, and services.

MISSION:

Greek Life transforms lives by supporting and facilitating opportunities and experiences within the Greek community to discover, engage, and learn while fostering an environment for peer accountability based on fraternal values.

VISION:

Greek Life strives to develop a community that enables individuals to achieve the highest standards of personal integrity and civic engagement for leadership in a global society.