WELCOME

Potential New Members

Fraternity and sorority life is just one part of a balanced undergraduate experience at Sonoma State University. The fraternity or sorority experience is a great way to create a sense of community and a home at the university. It is all about friendship, leadership, scholarship, community service, philanthropy, and brotherhood/sisterhood that compliment your classroom experience. It’s about being part of a community with nearly 1300 or 19% of SSU’s undergraduate students. It’s about enhancing SSU and its surrounding communities through service and social functions. It’s about traditions and establishing life-long friendships.

Members of SSU’s fraternity and sorority community involved in a multitude of student organizations, serve in a multitude of the varied leadership positions across campus and perform thousands of hours of community service. Their chapter membership allows them to bring those experiences back to a family-like group to share and learn. Fraternity or sorority membership accentuates and enhances the college undergraduate experience.
why should I join a sorority or fraternity?
Today, approximately 19% of Sonoma State students belong to a fraternity or sorority on campus. The fraternal system offers unique opportunities for leadership, service to the community, scholarship, personal growth, and enjoyment. One of the most important aspects of fraternity & sorority life is the close friendships and bonds of sisterhood and brotherhood. While providing an important focal point for social life, fraternity and sorority membership at the College is an option, not a necessity.

how does one become a member of a fraternity or sorority?
The process of becoming a member of a fraternal organization involves three steps: recruitment, new member education, and initiation. The recruitment process consists of a series of chapter-sponsored functions in order to introduce interested students to fraternity & sorority (F/S) life. By spending time with the members of each chapter, the prospective member learns about F/S life and can get a better idea of which fraternity or sorority may be right. There is no commitment to join a F/S organization if a student decides to participate in the recruitment process.

The National Panhellenic Council (NPC) sponsors sorority recruitment over a weekend in September. Fraternity recruitment occurs in both the fall and spring semesters during the first four weeks of the semester (the student may determine which semester he prefers to join).

Once a student has accepted an offer from a fraternity or sorority, the new member education period begins. This is a time for membership
development through education about the history, traditions, and expectations of the organization. New member education lasts approximately eight weeks. Following new member education, special ceremonies are held where the new members become initiated into the organization celebrating the bonds of “brotherhood” or “sisterhood.”

Students wishing to join a local or multicultural organizations can participate in the organization’s individual recruitment activities. The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) hosts an “informational” each semester that is open to the entire campus. After the informational, they utilize a process known as “intake.” This process differs for each group and takes place at different times of the year. Intake usually involves the participation of the chapter and occurs with the oversight of local alumni volunteers. Intake may include interviews, group activities, and study of organizational values and history.

what are the differences between the greek groups?
All fraternal organizations at Sonoma State University are committed to the communities shared values: Academics, Service, Leadership, Integrity, Personal Growth, and Community Building. In addition to these shared values, each group also has its own unique values, expectations of members, and mission. If you are interested in joining a sorority or fraternity you are encouraged to learn about the values of each group and identify which organization seems like the best fit for you. You can learn more about each organization later in this booklet.

what are the time commitments required to join a fraternity or sorority?
The time commitment is greatest during the new member education period when a variety of activities and programs are planned to introduce new members to one another and to the organization. However, once students are initiated into full membership, the amount of time committed depends on individual chapter leadership. While all members are expected to attend weekly meetings, the level of additional involvement in social, educational, or philanthropic activities varies according to members’ interests.
what is the financial commitment of membership?
The financial commitment is certainly a factor to be considered by prospective members. Sororities and fraternities generally charge a one-time pledging and initiation fee and semester dues. These dues vary for each organization and students are encouraged to inquire about the fee structure prior to accepting a bid into an organization.

will being a member of a fraternity or sorority affect my grades?
Academic success is a key component to fraternity and sorority life. All fraternities and sororities at Sonoma State place a value on the academic success of their members. A few of the ways that our organizations support the academics of their members is through the following: (a) minimum grade requirements for holding an office and being initiated into the chapter; (b) study halls; and, (c) workshops on study skills, test taking and time management. In support of these academic efforts, the Center for Student Leadership, Involvement, and Service compiles academic information for organizations each semester, if the proper materials have been submitted. Chapters use academic information to assist students and to set minimum qualifications for initiation, social privileges, and/or eligibility for officer elections.

what is the policy on hazing?
University policy, state law, and individual fraternity and sorority policy prohibit hazing. If a student believes that he or she is being hazed, he or she should report it immediately to the Center for Student Leadership, Involvement, and Service, chapter advisor, University official, or a police officer. All reports of hazing are handled in a serious and timely manner.

what is the time commitment for being involved with a fraternity or sorority?
Being an active member can be a substantial time commitment. However, it is what you make of it. Some students put all of their time into their fraternity or sorority, while others divide their time between their organization and experiencing other things on campus. There are some required events, but you can always choose which events you want to attend. Remember, academics is one of the shared values of all fraternities and sororities, so activities will not take away from the student’s academic career, as long as the student plans ahead. Fraternity and sorority students learn quickly
how to manage their busy schedules, which will help them scholastically and after graduation as they move into the workforce. The more time members spend with their fraternity brothers or sorority sisters at chapter activities, the more they will get out of their college experience.

**what is the difference between a local fraternal organization and a national fraternal organization?**

Fraternal organizations that are defined as “national” or “international” are groups that have many chapters all over the country or world, a central headquarters (typically with paid leaders but sometimes volunteers), and a set of values and initiation ritual that are shared between all chapters of the organization. Fraternal organizations that are “local” in nature, do not have multiple chapters around the country. They are defined by their independence from national organizations and their rooted connection to their university.
**ACTIVE** - A member who has been initiated into lifelong fraternity or sorority membership and is active at the collegiate level.

**ALUMNA/ALUMNUS** - A member of a sorority/fraternity who is no longer in college and has graduated.

**BID** - A formal invitation to join a fraternity or sorority.

**BID DAY** - The last day of recruitment when new members accept their bids and officially join their new organization.

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

**CALL** - The sound or saying by which members of some organizations greet their brothers or sisters or announce their location/presence.

**CHAPTER/ORGANIZATION** - A local group of the larger (inter)national organization.

**CHAPTER ADVISOR/CONSULTANT** - An alumna or alumnus who works for the national organization and maintains a close advisory relationship with a local chapter.

**CHARTER** - The official document recognizing a chapter’s establishment by the (inter)national organization.

**COLONY** - A student organization in the final stage before being installed as a charted chapter of an (inter)nationally affiliated organization.

**CONTINUOUS OPEN RECRUITMENT** - A process that allows chapters to continuously recruit and offer bids to new members outside of the formal recruitment period. Applies to the Panhellenic Council (PHC).

**FORMAL RECRUITMENT** - The period of time set aside by the different councils for meeting potential members. No longer referred to as Rush.

**FRATER** - A term that means brother and is typically used by National Pan-Hellenic Council members.

**FRATERNITY** - The name applied to all male fraternal organizations. Informally, this name applies to men’s groups while women’s organizations may be sororities or female fraternities.

**Greeks** - Members of a sorority or fraternity.
FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE - The area within the Center for Student Leadership, Involvement, and Service in which fraternial organizations operate. Fraternity & Sorority Life creates and administers policies, programs, and services to enhance fraternal organizations.

GREEK WEEK & GREEK OLYMPICS - An annual celebration in which chapters participate in various competitions and activities. It is a time for all fraternity & sorority organizations to unite.

INITIATION/CROSSING - The formal ceremony that brings a new member into full active membership with the organization. Each chapter has a different set of requirements that must be met in order to be initiated.

INTAKE - The process by which National Pan-Hellenic Organizations and Multicultural Greek Organizations recruit, inform, and initiate new members.

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC) - The local governing body for recognized fraternities at Sonoma State University.

LEGACY - Someone whose mother, father, sister, brother, grandmother, or grandfather is an initiated member of a fraternal organization.

LOCAL - A fraternity or sorority that is unique to that specific campus and not affiliated with an (inter)national organization.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP - A fraternity and sorority is a continual source of friendship and guidance long after your University career is over.

LINE - The new member class of a National Pan-Hellenic or Multicultural Greek organization.

MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL (MGC) - The local governing body for multicultural fraternal organizations at Sonoma State University.

NATIONAL LATINO FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION (NALFO) - The national governing body of Latino/Latina/Multicultural Greek organizations.

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE (NPC) - The national organization advocating for and supporting the rights for 26 (inter)national women’s fraternities and sororities.

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL (NPHC) - The national governing body of nine nationally recognized sororities and fraternities. These organizations were established as historically Black Greek letter organizations.
**NETWORKING** - Lifetime memberships ensure that there is a large pool of alumni with whom many real world contacts can be made. These contacts can prove quite useful when the undergraduate days are over.

**NEW MEMBER/ASSOCIATE** - A potential member who has accepted the bid of a fraternity or sorority, but who has not been initiated. The term “pledge” is no longer acceptable within F/S Life across the nation.

**NEW MEMBER PROGRAM/EDUCATION** - The period of learning about fraternity & sorority life prior to initiation. In addition to learning the history of the organization, new members may attend presentations and educational programs on topics such as study skills, sexual assault awareness, substance abuse, time management, and other important issues.

**OPEN RECRUITMENT** - The period after Formal Recruitment in which fraternities & sororities may recruit and offer bids without scheduled events through a council.

**PANHELLENIC COUNCIL (PHC)** - The local governing body of the NPC-affiliated sororities at Sonoma State University.

**PHILANTHROPY** - A service project sponsored by a chapter from which donations of goods, money, and/or time are given to charitable organizations.

**PLEDGE** - See “New Member.”

**POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER** - A college male or female who is participating in recruitment.

**QUOTA** - A specified number of women a Panhellenic sorority may offer bids to during formal recruitment.

**RECRUITMENT COUNSELOR** - An initiated member of a Panhellenic sorority who guides potential new members through the formal recruitment process. These women disassociate from their chapter during this time.

**RECRUITMENT GUIDELINES** - Guidelines set forth by the various councils to ensure a fair recruitment process.

**REGISTRATION** - A process by which potential new members apply and submit grade information to be accepted to participate in Formal Recruitment. Applies to Panhellenic Council.

**RITUAL** - Most fraternal organizations have traditions or secrets that are not shared with the general public. This is often the most personal, loyal, and secret part of life in a fraternity or sorority.

**RUSH** - See “Formal Recruitment.”
SILENCE - A period of time when conversation and contact between potential new members and Panhellenic sorority active members and alumnae are strictly limited by recruitment guidelines.

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

SOCIAL - The fraternity & sorority social calendar is always full. Socials are your opportunity to meet new people and make new friends in the other chapters at Sonoma State University.

SOROR - A term that means sister and is typically used by National Pan-Hellenic Council members.

SORORITY - A group of women joined together in friendship for leadership and academic purposes.
Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity is a Jewish-interest Fraternity composed of Jews and non-Jews alike, who share in the cultural and ideological values that Judaism provides. The mission of Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity is to provide the opportunity for a Jewish man to be able to join a Jewish organization whose purpose is not specifically religious, but rather social and cultural in nature. Alpha Epsilon Pi is a Jewish fraternity, though non-discriminatory and open to all who are willing to espouse its purpose and values. We work closely with Sonoma State’s Hillel, a college-campus Jewish organization, to provide insight into Jewish history, history, culture, and practices.

AEPi’s Sigma Psi colony was founded in November of 2010 at Sonoma State University and has already made its impact at SSU as the smallest fraternity with the biggest heart. We had the most participation of any Greek Organization on campus in 2012’s Greek Week and gave it our all in the Greek Olympics that followed, competing in each event until we no longer had the ability to. We are an ever-growing group of guys with huge ambitions to become the best fraternity on campus in fundraising, academics, athletics, and respect on campus. We hold ourselves to higher athletic, academic, and life standards. We strive to become a true brotherhood.
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (ΚΑΨ)

Kappa Alpha Psi was founded on the campus of Indiana University on January 5, 1911. The Fraternity’s fundamental purpose is achievement.

Early in this century, African-American students were actively dissuaded from attending college. Formidable obstacles were erected to prevent the few who were enrolled from assimilating into co-curricular campus life. This ostracism characterized Indiana University in 1911, thus causing Elder W. Diggs, Byron K. Armstrong, and eight other black students to form Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, which remains the only Greek letter organization with its 1st Chapter on the University’s campus.

The founders sought a formula that would immediately raise the sights of black collegians and stimulate them to accomplishments higher than they might have imagined.

Fashioning achievement as its purpose, Kappa Alpha Psi began uniting college men of culture, patriotism, and honor in a bond of fraternity.

The Mu Omega chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi was founded on the campus of Sonoma State University on March 21, 1987. Kappa Alpha Psi was the first Greek Letter organization established on the campus of Sonoma State University. This past semester we celebrated 25 years at Sonoma State and continue to excel beyond standards as we have a 100% graduation rate for every member who has been initiated into our Fraternity.
Nu Alpha Kappa (NAK) is a Latino-based fraternity which encompasses and values all cultures. Currently, Nu Alpha Kappa stands as one of the largest Latino-based fraternities on the west coast. Often referred to as “NAK”, Nu Alpha Kappa was founded on February 26, 1988 on the campus of California Polytechnic State University, and now has twenty-three established chapters across California, Nevada, and Colorado. On June 20th, 1992, Nu Alpha Kappa established its Gamma Chapter here at Sonoma State University.

Each year, the Gamma Chapter of Nu Alpha Kappa hosts NAKLand, a free children’s carnival for community members and their families. We play an integral role in the planning and implementation of the Latino Family Summit, an event to help high school students and their families to learn about the college admission process and college life. In addition to these events, each semester our chapter hosts a Blood & Bone Marrow Drive to take blood donations and register potential marrow donors.

This past Spring, the Gamma Chapter was privileged enough to host NAKFest, a celebration for our 23 chapters to come together to enjoy our bond of brotherhood and manage fraternity business. Over 400 guests visited Sonoma State University and Rohnert Park to partake in business meetings, athletic competitions, service events, and a closing banquet. In Spring 2011, we were the Greek Week champions. In Fall 2011, we had the highest GPA out of all the fraternities on campus. This past Spring, we were the first fraternity to earn Fraternity of the Year honors during the 2012 Fraternity & Sorority Life Leadership Awards.
In 1997, a few distinguished men at Sonoma State University decided that they wanted a different fraternal experience. They chose to begin the California Sigma chapter of Phi Delta Theta and the chapter is now in its 15th year of prosperity. The men of Phi Delta Theta have pledged themselves to three cardinal principles since 1848: Friendship, Moral Rectitude, and Sound Learning.

Phi Delta Theta at Sonoma State University has a reputation for striving for overall excellence. The chapter currently boasts the second highest grade point average amongst men’s Fraternities. We are extremely proud of the leaders that have developed over the years, including multiple Associated Students senators and executive officers, presidents of clubs and organizations on campus, and even the head lobbyist for the 420,000 students of the California State University system. Phi Delta Theta International boasts over 400,000 alumni, ranging from a United States President, Benjamin Harrison, multiple MLB Hall of Famers, including Lou Gehrig, and the first man on the moon, Neil Armstrong.

The California Sigma chapter hosts two annual philanthropy events, Skate for Fate and Teeter Totter. Skate for Fate consists of a 60 mile Bike/ Skate/ Run from San Francisco back to campus in one day to raise money for Toys for Tots. Teeter Totter consists of a 100 hour, overnight, continuous, Teeter Totter to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis research, in memory of our fallen brother Woody Bolin, who lost his life to the disease. Phi Delta Theta also participates in other Greek-wide philanthropy events. We compete in the annual Greek Olympics, one of the biggest events at Sonoma State, and we are proud to call ourselves the 2011 champions.

Our Brothers are proud of the history of Phi Delta Theta and the culture that has been established in our chapter. We endeavor to foster personal growth of our members as individuals and as a unit. As the Phikeia Oath states, “I Will Strive in all ways to transmit the fraternity to those who may follow after, not only, not less, but greater than it was transmitted to me.” From the first day of pledging until the day we leave this world, we recognize that we must always represent the letters across our chest and pursue excellence. Both as undergraduates and alumni of the fraternity, our members have achieved success. In recent years our Brothers have gone on to graduate education at the likes of Duke, Penn State, Texas Christian University and UC Davis amongst many others.

We welcome anyone who is interested to come meet the men that you may end up calling your brothers, the men who will be at your wedding, who may be the godfathers of your children, and who may someday carry your coffin. We seek men who are dedicated to improving themselves and the chapter as a whole. If you are interested in rushing Phi Delta Theta or would like more information on our events please check out our website at http://sonoma.phideltatheta.org.
Alpha Psi \((\Lambda \Psi)\)

Alpha Sigma Phi \((\Lambda \Sigma \Phi)\)

Tau Kappa Epsilon \((\text{TKE})\)

Sigma Alpha Epsilon \((\Sigma \text{AE})\)
Kappa Delta Zeta (ΚΔΖ)

Kappa Delta Zeta is not just a sorority it is a sisterhood. With its cute local charm, it strives to create bonds that will last a lifetime. Being founded here at Sonoma State in 2000, Kappa Delta Zeta has grown so much throughout the years and continues to strive to improve. Their moto is “be the change you wish to see” and each day the women of KDZ strive to instill the importance of friendship, academics, and community involvement.

Kappa Delta Zeta is centered around loving each member for who they are and encouraging them to be true to themselves. The women provide a support system as they encourage each other to reach for their goals. The bonds that these sisters create not only nourish social and personal growth, but as a sorority they have been deemed highest Greek GPA for the past three semesters and counting. Kappa Delta Zeta takes these morals and devotes a lot of energy in creating a close sisterhood, where each member has special bonds with one another. They do not take the word sisterhood lightly, for it is a true gift to have so many helping hands and loving arms to go to when you are away from home. No one in Kappa Delta Zeta is ever without a home here at Sonoma State University, and it is with these bonds that they can go off in the world and make a difference.

Kappa Delta Zeta is involved both locally and nationally with different philanthropic events such as Breast Cancer walks, Boys and Girls club, local food banks, and much more. The women not only think of their own personal growth, but make it a goal to leave college knowing they have given back. Kappa Delta Zeta is truly unlike any sorority, for they push past the stereotypes and present a whole new idea of a sisterhood. They create a sisterhood with compassion, support, and love for each other. They are all about helping one another grow to their fullest potential and while making it the most memorable years of their lives. Once you are a KDZ member, your life has forever been changed for the better because you have added onto it a whole new family helping you to succeed in all you could ever dream. The women of Kappa Delta Zeta here are “individually unique, but together complete,” for they are made up of a diverse group of women who come together as friends and leave Sonoma State as sisters.
Lambda Sigma Gamma Sorority, Inc. (ΛΣΓ) is a multicultural, academic, community, professional and social sorority. We are a network of women in higher education seeking to make life less lonesome and more supportive for all women. Unity within our sorority is enhanced by retreats, activities, community service events, and meetings within each individual chapter, as well as throughout the state. Our principle goal for attending the university is to receive an education; therefore Lambda Sigma Gamma acts as a strong foundation for encouraging academic achievement. Via informational workshops, effective networking, and strong support from one another, the sisters of Lambda Sigma Gamma strive towards its primary goal of academic excellence.

Lambda Sigma Gamma provides a family at college, campus and community involvement, development of leadership skills, networking opportunities, and long lasting friendships. LSG accepts women from different backgrounds, interests, majors, and religious beliefs. Lambda Sigma Gamma Sorority, Inc. believes that “Multicultural” is not just a word, rather a deep rooted feeling which lies within our hearts. As individuals, we have come together from different parts of the world. We are from different creeds, ethnic groups, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Our physical talents and mental abilities vary. It is within these differences that we choose to live our lives and share our dreams, in hopes to educate one another and better ourselves. We will strive to meet our goal, of bringing together women from diverse worlds under the spirit of Multiculturalism for LSG. The purposes of this association are to instill the desire for self-improvement, scholastic excellence and the cultivation of civic responsibility; also to promote unity and higher education amongst women.
The mission of Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. is to promote and foster Latina leaders through educational and professional development, relationship building, and community involvement. Our intent is to provide our members exposure to resources for continued growth. Our organization was founded March 11, 1986 at California State University, Chico. We step/dance with machetes to symbolize our culture and the strength of Latina women. Lambda Theta Nu promotes the advancement of Latinas through various campus activities and community services, and provides an environment for personal growth within a unit of Sisterhood.

This past spring semester Lambda Theta Nu held its first on campus dance at Sonoma State University, Diamonds and Roses, with the gentlemen of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Each year, Lambda Theta Nu along with Nu Alpha Kappa Fraternity hosts the Latino Family Summit, where we hold educational workshops and presentations on how to pursue a higher education for over 500 students and their parents. Every spring, we assist with Seawolf Decision Day for potential incoming students, where we greet and welcome accepted students and their families through campus tours and informational sessions. Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. also participates in Sonoma State University’s Relay for Life, where we fundraise for the American Cancer Society, who provides cancer research and awareness. Each May, we award a scholarship to a high school senior who will be attending a four-year university.
Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity inc. was founded on April 4th 1986 at the university of Iowa in the historical Danforth chapel. We are an international fraternity with 144 entities; including chapters, colonies, and alumni associations that run coast to coast and reach the shores of Puerto Rico. We thrive on the principles of Brotherhood, Scholarship, Community Service and Cultural awareness. We believe in the ideals of fairness, opportunity, and equality of all men without regard to their race, culture, or ethnic background. We are men of quality not quantity and we are men with diverse roots but unified in goals.

The Gamma Delta chapter was first given colony status on January 25th, 2009 and in approximately one year we were able to establish the Gamma Delta chapter on February 27, 2010 by our five dedicated founding brothers of Sonoma State University. Although we are a relatively new chapter, history is made by each and every brother in our chapter. The Gamma Delta chapter continues to uphold our principles and our Brothers continue to grow and excel. We dedicate time for business, but we also dedicate time for brotherhood. To further strengthen our culture, we step and stroll during certain Sonoma State events. Aside from the various community service partnerships we have established, we also emphasize C.P.R. awareness as one of our national philanthropies, in remembrance of our brother. Our brothers that have earned their membership hold their letters high and proud and will continue to do so for many years to come. Whether you are looking for a second family, building life-long bonds, seeking an education, or just wanting to hang out, our most honorable fraternity is open to you.
Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1996 at the University of California, Berkeley by nine women who saw the need to create a close network of Latinas who want to make a difference in the communities starting with themselves. Sigma Pi Alpha addresses the academic, cultural, communal, and social needs of its sisters. Our motto, “Mujeres con Cultura, Fuerza y Hermandad,” represents our organization, “Women with Culture, Strength, and Brotherhood.”

The goals of Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority, Inc. are:
- To enhance Chicana/Latina heritage within the sorority
- To be involved within campus and our communities
- To promote higher education in future generations
- To address academics, sisterhood, and personal and individual needs
- To create a sisterhood in which we can communicate and express ourselves with trust and security
- To form a sisterhood where we can receive support and a commitment that will last a lifetime
- To follow a code of conduct representative to us as a sorority and as Chicana/Latina women

We aim to achieve these goals through our various service projects, sisterhood events, and educational workshops. Our sisterhood extends beyond just our chapter at Sonoma State University, as we have close relationships with member throughout California and actively support each others events.
The Theta Gamma chapter of Alpha Delta Pi prides itself on living each day true to our open motto “We live for Each Other.” Our chapter works really hard on maintaining a strong sisterhood that is more than just friends but true sisterhood; a home away from home. We achieve this by putting on numerous events for sisters from Giants baseball games, pumpkin patch excursions, movie dates, ice skating in San Francisco, the horse races in Berkeley, various concerts, and so much more. This is even true when sisters go back to their homes throughout California and the United States; the strong bond is carried with them. Sisters continually hang out with each other over breaks, whether it is dinner, movies, baseball games, or simply going to the beach. When you are an Alpha Delta Pi, you are a sister no matter where you are in the world and you have a strong community around you wherever you go.

Not only does our chapter have a strong sisterhood, but sisters get the opportunity to work hands on with Alpha Delta Pi’s national philanthropy, the Ronald McDonald House Charities, by visiting the San Francisco and Palo Alto houses frequently. Sisters help by cleaning the toys and cooking dinner for the families living in the houses. We also holds an annual Hoops 4 the House event, a three on three basketball tournament, in which all proceeds are donated to the Ronald McDonald House through the purchase of event tickets, team sign ups, and great raffle prizes. Not only does our chapter hold their own philanthropy events but they participate in other philanthropies as well like walks for breast cancer, Toys for Tots, the San Francisco Food Bank, and so much more.

Alpha Delta Pi also has an exciting and varied social life through mixers with different fraternities and sororities on campus, as well as various sport teams. Our chapter has two formals each year, including our annual Debutante Ball in the fall showcasing our new members. We hold a strong commitment to leadership, scholarship, fun, and most importantly to each other. Alpha Delta Pi strives for high academic achievement and promotes a harmony between fun and school to help sisters become well-balanced individuals in every aspect of their lives.
Founded in Syracuse, New York, in 1904, a lifelong sisterhood was formed. Our Sonoma State chapter of Delta Rho offers our members the love and support of over 130 active sisters. We pride ourselves on having the highest Panellenic GPA of 3.125 as of this past Fall 2011 semester. We uphold the highest standards when it comes to our schoolwork and our participation in multiple organizations across campus. You can be sure to spot Alpha Gams every time you go to the library.

We are noted for putting on the “Best Event on Campus” for the past twenty years. Our philanthropy event, Lip Jam, raised over $20,000, making Delta Rho the second highest contributing chapter nationwide. All of our proceeds are donated to Juvenile Diabetes Research by way of the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation. Our spirit of sisterhood is the heart of our chapter, and the relationships and memories we create at Sonoma State University will last a lifetime. Every time an Alpha Gam sees a squirrel, pearl, or red and buff rose, we are reminded to live with purpose and cherish our friendships with but a chosen few.
Alpha Omicron Pi encourages a spirit of sisterhood and love among its members. We stand at all times for character, dignity, scholarship and college loyalty. We invite you to share in numerous leadership opportunities as we begin our new chapter at Sonoma State! One of the fraternity’s founding principles encourages us to be of service to others, to bring into the world around us a spirit of love, not for self-glory, but as an opportunity to give something back to our community. While learning or serving, we are sharing these moments with the best of friends, our AOII sisters, and that always makes the experience fun!
As the Theta Beta Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta recently celebrated our twenty years on this campus, we have continued to strive in our academics, service to others, and growth as a sisterhood. While competing in different Greek philanthropies (Powderpuff, Lip Jam, and more), we have continued to host many of our own philanthropy events to support Autism Speaks, Xi Man and Karaoke for a Cure. Alpha Xi Delta is proud of its partnership with Autism Speaks, and we strive to raise awareness for this cause by participating in our favorite annual event, Walk Now for Autism Speaks. At this event, we host Kiddie Corners and members walk in support of those diagnosed with Autism. Ultimately, we donate approximately $10,000 each year to this event.

Along with raising money and showing support for Autism Speaks, we also provide service to our community. This past year, we have volunteered at many different Science Fairs hosted by various elementary schools, provided water for those participating in marathons, and have dressed up and volunteered with elementary school students at their annual Halloween festivals. While we remain very active on our campus, we find great joy in helping others and love to show some Alpha Xi support anywhere we go!

While we take great pride in our service work, we also have some fun! Throughout the semester, we host mixers with various fraternities and sororities, put on different cocktail events, such as our annual Crush Party cocktail in the Spring, and organize a fun formal at the end of each semester. We also have fun during our sisterhood events; in the past, we have hiked and enjoyed lunch at Annadel State Park in Santa Rosa, toured the Jelly Belly Factory in Fairfield, and have cheered on the Giants baseball team at AT&T Park in San Francisco in support of Autism Speaks.

With our dedication to raising money for Autism Speaks, many hours spent volunteering in our community, and with the growing bond of our sisterhood, we have become a high-achieving Panhellenic sorority on this campus. In the spring of 2011, we won Best Sorority of the Year and had the highest cumulative GPA to start the Spring 2012 semester. While all of this sounds exciting, we pride ourselves most about our sisterhood. From the moment you run down that hill into the arms of our sisters, with balloons floating in the air and arms flying around those new and old, you are apart of this sisterhood. While we host sisterhoods and fun events, it is those moments that you most need a friend that a sister is by your side. Being a member of Alpha Xi Delta is simply amaXing!
Lambda Kappa Pi is a local sorority unique to Sonoma State University. Lambda Kappa Pi was started in 2007 with a desire to change the lives of the women involved and those around them. We are a small, tight-knit group of women who are original and passionate. Our founders felt that college can be the perfect opportunity for growth. With this vision in mind, we believe that you can truly accomplish your goals through the bonds of sisterhood. Through our philanthropic endeavors, social events, and other charities we are hoping to create the best years of our lives.
Gamma Phi Beta prides ourselves on exemplifying our four core values; love, labor, learning, and loyalty. We aim to demonstrate these core values at all times, in order to create a nurturing environment in which every woman can strive and grow. We show unconditional love for our sisters and the organization as a whole, and look to expand and grow our sisterhood every day. We embody labor by making it our top priority to give back to the community in various ways. From volunteering with the local Boys and Girls club, to hosting our annual Powderpuff tournament, the Crescent Classic, we raise money for our national philanthropy, Campfire USA, and support the greater community. We uphold learning by taking academics and scholarship very seriously through providing an environment in which every sister can achieve high academic standards. We believe knowledge is key to overall growth, and we assist our sisters in any way they need to meet these ends. Lastly, we cherish our loyalty to one another and make sure we have the strongest sisterhood possible. From social events to sisterhoods, this organization creates such a well-rounded environment that every young woman can easily find their place. Gamma Phi Beta means something special to every member, and every young woman who chooses to join our sisterhood is welcomed into the exciting journey that is Gamma Phi Beta.
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