



FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

A Proud History

Fraternity and SorORITY Life has had a storied history on the University of Houston's campus. In 1956, eleven fraternities and six sororities were established as the charter members of an internationally recognized Greek community, providing students an opportunity to engage in leadership, service and campus traditions. The Greek community at UH today is composed of more than forty chapters and comes from five distinct councils: Interfraternity Council, Latin Greek Council, Multicultural Greek Council, National PanHellenic Council and the Panhellenic Council.

The Greek experience is both social and educational. The experiences that a student has in the Greek community can shape their way of thinking, acting and becoming engaged citizens both on campus and in the greater community. Positions of leadership within the chapters, active participation on national boards, leading service trips for entire communities and creating awareness through workshops on educational programming and responsible decision-making are just some of the things that students at UH experience as members of Greek organizations.

Three Pillars

The Center for Fraternity and SorORITY Life at the University of Houston focuses on taking concepts that all of the organizations were founded upon — scholarship, service and leadership — and creating experiences to which students of today and tomorrow can relate. In creating meaningful experiences, students will embrace

the ideals of the programs. For these programs to be viable and actively received, it will take resources to properly run and promote them to the Greek community. Thank you for considering a gift to the Center for Fraternity and SorORITY Life to further the following facets of the program:

LEADERSHIP is one of three pillars of Greek community. Although there are numerous opportunities to learn more about being an effective leader, many students cannot take advantage of them due to financial constraints. The CFSL would like to create more opportunities for students by assisting in funding their travel and registration for leadership events.

- The Leader Shape Institute – a six-day leadership institute where students learn to live and lead with integrity as they explore concepts such as inclusive leadership, visioning, emotional intelligence and social entrepreneurship.
- The Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute (UIFI) – a five-day institute experience where students recommit to the founding values of fraternities and sororities, and develop a plan to elevate their chapter and community.
- Association for Fraternal Leadership and Values (AFLV) – an annual conference that assists chapter and council officers with opportunities for networking, educational programs and keynote speakers all tailored to fraternity and sorORITY development. CFSL's vision is that all governing councils have the opportunity to attend, regardless of their current financial situation.



SERVICE is the second of the three pillars of Greek community. Fraternity/sorority members engage in meaningful experiences that deepen their understanding of service to others and broaden their awareness of social and cultural issues facing their communities. The CFSL would like to offer more opportunities for members to provide service in Houston and beyond.

- Alternative Breaks – Instead of more conventional Spring Break vacations, students can complete a service project to better the community and form meaningful relationships with their organization.
- International Service Trips – Students have the opportunity to travel internationally to immerse themselves in and learn about a new culture through service.

BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD is the third of the three pillars of Greek community. The CFSL envisions fraternities and sororities becoming places where the concept of brotherhood and sisterhood is advanced through a shared commitment of respect, dignity, and concern for all individuals.

- Educational Programs & Community Development – The CFSL staff seeks the ability to provide educational programs designed to assist our members in combating hazing, alcohol misuse, drug use, sexual misconduct, and other issues that threaten brotherhood/sisterhood. To strengthen that bond, the CFSL seeks to provide access to the best educational programs and speakers offered in the student leadership world.

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