

GREEK GLOSSARY

ALUMNI/AE: Members of a fraternity or sorority who have graduated.

BID: An invitation to join a fraternity/sorority.

CHAPTER: The local group of undergraduate students on a campus. Many national groups give their chapters names such as a greek letter, a combination of letters, or a greek letter and a state.

THE DEAN'S TROPHY: Awarded to the outstanding fraternity and sorority at USD. Each organization is judged on scholarship, community service, campus involvement, national fraternity/sorority involvement, alumni/ae programming, member education programming, and inter-Greek relations.

FRATERNITY: A group of men bonded together by their ritual which contains the founding principles, ideals and aspirations of the group.

THE GREEK MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR: Awarded to the most outstanding fraternity and sorority member based on leadership involvement, essay, and letters of recommendation.

IFC: The umbrella organization for fraternities.

LEGACY: Someone who's mother, father, sister, or brother are members of a particular group. Some may consider a niece or nephew a legacy.

ORDER OF OMEGA (NATIONAL GREEK LEADERSHIP SOCIETY): Limited to top 3% of Greeks at USD who have a 3.0 GPA, junior or senior status, and significant leadership on campus or in Greek life.

PANHELLENIC COUNCIL: The umbrella organization for sororities.

PLEDGE OR NEW MEMBER: A new member of a fraternity or sorority. During pledging, new members will learn the ideals and principles of the group, get to know their fellow new members and the initiated/active members.

RECRUITMENT: The time when Greek groups recruit new members.

RITUAL: A formal ceremony during which a new member begins a full membership in a fraternity or sorority.

SORORITY: A group of women bonded together by their ritual which contains the founding principles, ideals and aspirations of the group.

GREEK LIFE AT USD

SORORITIES

Alpha Delta Pi (ΑΔΠ)

Alpha Phi (ΑΦ)

Gamma Phi Beta (ΓΦΒ)

Kappa Alpha Theta (ΚΑΘ)

Kappa Kappa Gamma (ΚΚΓ)

FRATERNITIES

Delta Tau Delta (ΔΤΔ)

Lambda Chi Alpha (ΛΧΑ)

Sigma Chi (ΣΧ)

Sigma Phi Epsilon (ΣΦΕ)

*We at the University of San Diego
are proud of the positive influence that
fraternities and sororities have
on their members. Please feel free
to call on us as we work to provide
a safe and high-quality undergraduate Greek
experience for all our members.*



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PARENT GUIDE TO
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WELCOME

Dear Fraternity/Sorority New Member Parent,

On behalf of the University of San Diego, we welcome your student to our fraternity and sorority community.

Fraternity and sorority membership can offer many great opportunities to enhance your student's experience while at USD. Scholarship, service to others and friendship are among the qualities that have attracted students to Greek organization membership.

We also would like to inform you of the expectation we have for our Greek organizations at USD. USD does not tolerate hazing or abuse in our fraternities or sororities. We want to assure you of our commitment to eliminating traces of hazing, alcohol abuse and other inappropriate behavior in our community.

In a time when we can see on a national level how vital it is to share information, we hope that you will partner with us in helping to protect our students. We ask that you assist us in holding our Greek organizations up to the high level to which they commit by letting us know if you have any questions or concerns about your student's involvement. Please do not hesitate to contact Mandy Womack, University advisor to fraternities and sororities at 619-260-4590 or awomack@sandiego.edu with any information or questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas Cosgrove
Dean of Students

Mandy Womack
Director of Student
Organizations

GREEK LIFE BENEFITS

Fraternity and sorority members are committed to their academics, volunteer time in the community, development and strengthening of leadership skills, and creating a campus support network.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

USD Greek sponsored projects and service-learning activities include: fund-raising; volunteering time; tutoring and mentoring students in the Linda Vista community; supporting local philanthropic activities; conducting environmental clean-ups; and coordinating and participating in food, clothing and blood drives.

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Fraternities and sororities are self-governing organizations allowing members to develop leadership skills within the chapter as well as on campus and within the Linda Vista/San Diego community.

SCHOLARSHIP

Academic support opportunities within fraternities and sororities include: national and local scholarships and grants, incentives and awards, time management skills workshops, tutoring and mentoring programs, established study session and quiet hours, and GPA requirements. Also, each Greek organization provides networking opportunities with alumni for job assistance.

SISTERHOOD/BROTHERHOOD

Greek organizations offer life-long friendship and a sense of family to students on campus. Each organization provides a "home away from home" where students can connect with one another.

HAZING AND ALCOHOL POLICIES

No student should ever be subjected to any form of hazing. USD has a strict policy against hazing for all student groups. The Risk Management Policy of FIPG, Inc., includes the following provisions:

- 1. No alcoholic beverages may be purchased through chapter funds nor may the purchase of same for members or guest be undertaken or coordinated by any member in the name of, or on behalf of, the chapter. The purchase or use of a bulk quantity or common sources of such alcoholic beverages, e.g. kegs or cases, is prohibited.*
- 2. Open parties, meaning those with unrestricted access by non-members of the fraternity, without specific invitation, where alcohol is present, shall be prohibited.*
- 3. No members, collectively or individually, shall purchase for, serve to, or sell alcoholic beverages to any minor (i.e., those under legal "drinking age").*
- 4. All recruitment/rush activities with any chapter will be a dry function.*
- 5. No member shall permit, tolerate, encourage, or participate in "drinking games."*
- 6. No alcohol shall be present at any pledge/associate/novice/new member program, activity or ritual of the chapter.*

A complete listing of USD policies for Greek Life is available on the web.

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership dues, which are paid every semester from the time students join their chapters until they are no longer undergraduates at USD, cover such expenses as scholarship incentives, leadership school tuition, national dues, liability insurance, intramurals, and social expenses (excluding alcohol). In addition to dues, a one-time initiation fee levied on each members pays for a membership certificate, pin, and for a lifetime subscription to the national magazine. A variety of payment plans are offered.