National Pan-Hellenic Council Handbook
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GLOSSARY

**CALL:** A vocal expression used by members of NPHC fraternities or sororities.

**INFORMATIONAL:** The first session where students can go to express interest in an organization by learning more about it.

**INTAKE:** Another name for the Membership Intake Process.

**MEMBERSHIP INTAKE PROCESS (MIP):** The process chapters perform to recruit, interview, choose, and educate new members.

**NEW MEMBER PRESENTATION:** A chapter presents its new members to the campus and community.

**RUSH:** For some NPHC organizations, it is a formal opportunity for prospective members to learn about the joining process.

**STEPPING:** A tradition where members synchronize their moves without music. Members will clap, stomp with their feet, jump, chant, etc.

**STROLLING:** Members move together in a line expressing pride for their organization through their call, sign or custom dances.

**STEP SHOW:** A form of artistic dance and musical entertainment that occurs the Friday before Mizzou’s Homecoming. This event involves each NPHC fraternity and sorority as well as other dance and performance groups that are invited to participate.
CAMPUS RESOURCES

**STUDENT HEALTH CENTER:** Offers medical services that support Mizzou students’ health & well-being. These services include: primary medical care, psychiatric care, flu shots & other immunizations, sexual & reproductive health services as well as a 24-hour nurse line. Same-day appointments can be made at the Student Health Center by calling 573-882-7481.

1020 Hitt St, 1st floor
wellbeing.missouri.edu
Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

**WELLNESS RESOURCE CENTER:** Supports prevention programs and services in fitness, sleep, stress, addiction and mental health. You can stop by for a cup of coffee or tea, enjoy a quiet study space and learn more about how you can have your strongest well-being.

G202 MU Student Center
wellbeing.missouri.edu
573-882-4634
Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

**RELATIONSHIP & SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION (RSVP) CENTER:** Focuses on working with people experiencing intimate partner violence by providing brief emotional support, case management services, legal and medical advocacy, and preventative educational services.

G216 MU Student Center
RSVP.missouri.edu
573-882-6638

**LGBTQ+ RESOURCE CENTER:** The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Resource Center provides support, training and literature as well as programming and leadership opportunities for students.

G225 MU Student Center
lgbtq.missouri.edu
573-884-7750

**COUNSELING CENTER:** Provides high quality mental health services in a safe, collaborative and confidential environment where students can explore concerns and find ways to improve their academic, social and personal success. Crisis and urgent care are available by phone 24/7.

Strickland Hall, 4th Floor
wellbeing.missouri.edu
573-882-6601
Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

**THE GAINES/OLDHAM BLACK CULTURE CENTER:** A place where the contributions of Black people are explored, celebrated, taught and shared.

813 Virginia Ave
gobcc.missouri.edu
573-882-2664

**WOMEN'S CENTER:** A place where you can hang out in a comfortable lounge; check out a book from a diverse library; and learn about gender equality, social justice, body image and more by attending one of their many programs.

G108 MU Student Center
womenscenter.missouri.edu
573-882-6621

**MULTICULTURAL CENTER:** builds community, fosters a sense of belonging, and provides educational programs and resources for all students with a focus on students from marginalized identities.

G107 MU Student Center
multiculturalcenter.missouri.edu
573-882-7152

**MIZZOUREC:** Research shows when college students move, they feel better and have better educational outcomes. Recreational sports and exercise provide students with opportunities for involvement and to develop a sense of belonging on campus.

213 Rothwell Gymnasium
mizzourec.com
573-882-0369

**DISABILITY CENTER:** The Disability Center coordinates academic accommodations and support services for students with unseen and seen disabilities.

S5 Memorial Union
disabilitycenter.missouri.edu
573-882-4696
Welcome, prospective members!

Being a member of a National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) fraternity or sorority is a privilege. Being chosen is no accident. It means we believe you can do great things in your community.

The NPHC serves to promote unanimity of thought and action among member fraternities and sororities and to consider issues of mutual interest among its organizations.

When you join, you accept the responsibilities of a servant leader in the Black community, so get ready to work. What we do is challenging, yet rewarding. The people who founded these organizations committed their lives to working and serving others. Always remember, community comes first.

As you prepare for membership, reflect on your values and consider how they connect with the different organizations. I encourage you to attend events, especially the required NPHC 101 event each semester.

Our organizations are built on brotherhood and sisterhood, so get to know the people in the organizations beyond their letters.

If you are thinking about joining an organization, please reach out to me or anyone on the NPHC executive board for more information.

I wish you a successful year in the NPHC, and I look forward to seeing you achieve greatness!

Isaiah Massey, President
NPHCPresident@missouri.edu

It is important to be someone who serves your community, who takes the initiative to drive change and who shows up in rooms where the voices of your council deserve to be heard.

– Isaiah Massey
1930
The year the NPHC was first organized at Howard University

1.5m
The number of NPHC members worldwide

DIVINE NINE
The nickname for the five fraternities and four sororities that make up the NPHC

1961
The year an NPHC organization was first chartered on Mizzou’s campus
The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc. (NPHC) was organized on May 10, 1930 on the campus of Howard University. It is a coalition of the nine largest historically African American Greek-letter fraternities and sororities, currently representing over 1.5 million members internationally. The organization boasts a diverse membership comprised of students, celebrities, corporate, political and community leaders.

The stated purpose and mission of the organization in 1930 was “Unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the conduct of Greek letter collegiate fraternities and sororities and to consider problems of mutual interest to its member organizations.” The organization was incorporated in 1937 under Illinois state laws.

At the University of Missouri, NPHC, Inc. can be traced back to the charter of Delta Omega Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity on March 18, 1961. Seven of the Divine Nine currently have charters on the University of Missouri campus.
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ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.
OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.
ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.
SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.
I have had the opportunity to travel, perform, give back to my community, and meet so many people that I’ve been fortunate enough to learn from since joining Zeta Alpha Chapter.

– Stephen Miller

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

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ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

Founded: 1906 at Cornell University
Local Chapter: Zeta Alpha
Locally founded: 1966
Colors: Black and Old Gold
Nickname: Alphas
Mission/Motto: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. develops leaders, promotes brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our communities.
What I value most about my chapter is its high standard of excellence. What’s great is this excellence has been passed down over generations of Alpha women who worked tirelessly to serve their community with poise and grace.

– Rachel Henderson
Omegas’ Giving dinner is our most impactful event in my eyes because we get to feed students and bond with them free of charge.

– Trevontae’ Haughton

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Founded: 1911 at Howard University
Local Chapter: Epsilon Delta
Locally founded: 1972
Colors: Royal Purple and Old Gold
Nickname: Omegas
Mission/Motto: Friendship is essential to the soul.
Founded: 1913 at Howard University
Local Chapter: Epsilon Psi
Locally founded: 1966
Colors: Crimson and Cream
Nickname: Deltas
Motto: Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom.
Mission: An organization of college educated women committed to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community.

"Everyone’s experience is unique and personal. We all have different backgrounds with similar goals but that doesn’t make our experiences monolithic."

– Kennedy Oritz
ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.

Founded: 1920 at Howard University
Local Chapter: Chi Kappa
Locally founded: 1981
Colors: Royal Blue and White
Nickname: Zetas
Mission/Motto: To foster the ideas of service, charity, scholarship, civil and cultural endeavors, sisterhood and finer womanhood. These ideals are reflected in the sorority's national program for which its members and auxiliary groups provide voluntary service to staff, community outreach programs, fund scholarships, support organized charities, and promote legislation for social and civic change.

“I wish people knew how strong the sisterhood is and how much hard work it takes to create a successful event.”

– Gabby Richest
I wish people knew how being in this chapter has allowed me to grow in ways that I never thought I would and overcome things that I would’ve never put myself in the position to overcome.

– Trinity Davis

Founded: 1922 at Butler University
Local Chapter: Alpha Rho
Locally founded: 1973
Colors: Royal Blue and Gold
Nickname: SGRho
Mission/Motto: Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority’s aim is to enhance the quality of life within the community. Public service, leadership development and education of youth are the hallmark of the organization’s programs and activities. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority addresses concerns that impact society educationally, civically and economically.
Involvement in a Fraternity or Sorority governed by the National Pan-Hellenic Council requires involvement in the membership intake process, or membership selection process, conducted by Mizzou's historically Black organizations.

Early each fall semester, chapters present information about their chapter for prospective members. The membership intake process happens later in the academic year, as most chapters require a minimum of 12 hours of college credit and a minimum GPA for prospective members to begin.

NPHC chapters embrace a lifetime commitment philosophy and aim to assure the continuance of academic achievement, political awareness and community service.
HOW TO EXPRESS INTEREST

1. Research the organization you are interested in to ensure the organizations align with your personal values.
2. Get involved in other clubs, organizations and community service opportunities.
3. Attend the programs and events of the organizations you’re interested in and get to know its members.
4. Attend an interest or informational meeting for the organization you’re interested in.
NPHC EVENTS

CHAPTER CHARTER DAY: This is a one-day event that occurs on the date of a chapter’s chartering at the University of Missouri. Each chapter's Chapter Charter Day happens once an academic year and dates depend on the fraternity or sorority.

CHAPTER FOUNDERS DAY: This is a one-day event that occurs on the founding day of each organization under the NPHC. Each chapter’s Founder’s Day happens once an academic year and dates depend on the fraternity or sorority.

CHAPTER MINI WEEK: This is a three-day set of events that is hosted by each individual fraternity and sorority under the NPHC each semester. This is a condensed version of the full chapter week. Each chapter will host events like community service opportunities, donation drives, fundraisers, etc.

CHAPTER WEEK: This is a dedicated week full of events hosted by each individual chapter under the NPHC. As each fraternity and sorority hosts their Chapter Week, they may include events like community service opportunities, donation drives, fundraisers, etc. Each chapter hosts a week full of events every semester. This is a great way to learn more about the values and community of a chapter that you’re interested in.

NPHC MINI WEEK: This is a three-day set of events that is led by the NPHC. It is a condensed version of the full NPHC week and is a great way to learn more about the NPHC, it’s chapters and how to get involved. The NPHC Mini Week occurs each semester.

NPHC WEEK: This is a week full of events led by the NPHC. NPHC Week is a great way to meet members of the council, individual organizations, learn about the council and its chapters and support their presence on campus. This seven-day series of events occurs each semester.

STEP SHOW: A form of artistic dance and musical entertainment that occurs the Friday before Mizzou’s Homecoming. This event involves each NPHC fraternity and sorority as well as other dance and performance groups that are invited to participate.

YARD SHOW: A form of artistic dance and musical entertainment performance shown during Reading Day each spring semester. Each of the NPHC chapters discuss the history of their chapter and organization.