GO THETA GREEK.

EXCELLENCE AWAITS YOU.

New York City
Friendship, service, and leadership—for years, Pace University’s fraternities and sororities have been a respected part of campus life. Membership in a fraternity or sorority helps students excel. In addition to building camaraderie, members of the Greek system have the opportunity to become leaders, active members of the community, and compete in Greek athletics. Joining a Greek organization provides students with a home away from home.

These days, it takes more than just a degree to get a good job—it takes leadership experience. Fraternity and sorority members all have the chance to lead, whether you’re an officer or part of a committee. You’ll have the chance to manage a budget, run meetings, speak in public, and motivate others, all while forming lifelong friendships. The skills and the relationships you build will help you at Pace and throughout your life.

**Who’s gone Greek?**

- 85% of *Fortune* 500 executives
- 80% of U.S. Presidents since 1900
- 100% of Apollo 11 Astronauts
Prospective Members
The process for joining a Greek organization is called recruitment or intake, but oftentimes you will hear it referred to as “rush.” While the recruitment process varies across campuses, Pace has a deferred recruitment delay, or defers. This means that the recruiting doesn't start until the spring semester, so that students can adjust to Pace, research clubs and activities, and focus on academics. Once students have earned a 2.5 GPA and 12 University credit hours, they are eligible to receive a membership invitation from fraternities and sororities.

Joining a fraternity or sorority requires making an educated decision about an organization of which you may become a lifetime member. As you begin talking with Greek members, it is often useful to be educated in the lingo. The Greek Glossary at the end of this booklet will be a helpful tool as you begin the recruitment process.

Famous Fraternity Members
Neil Armstrong, astronaut and author
Arthur Ashe, professional tennis player and activist
Derek Bok, former president, Harvard University
Tom Bradley, former Mayor of Los Angeles
William Brennan, former Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court
Kenny Chesney, musician
Bill Clinton, former US President
Bill Cosby, comedian
David Dinkins, former Mayor of New York City
Malcom Forbes, former publisher, Forbes Magazine
Harrison Ford, actor
Henry Ford II, former chairman, Ford Motor Company
Robert Frost, author
Frank Gifford, ABC sports commentator
William B. Harrison Jr., CEO, J.P. Morgan Chase
Langston Hughes, author
Michael Jordan, former basketball player
Martin Luther King, Civil rights activist
Daniel Krumm, CEO, Maytag Corporation
Ashton Kutcher, actor
Nick Lachey, singer
David Letterman, television show host
Eli Manning, football player
Brad Pitt, actor
Orville Redenbacher, entrepreneur
Ronald Regan, former US President
Babe Ruth, baseball player
Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel, musicians
Tom Watson, professional golfer
Barry Weiss, president, Jive Records
We also encourage you to check out local and chapter websites and ask the following questions of organizational leaders and individual members:

- How will membership in this organization benefit me academically? Personally? Professionally?
- What is the organization looking for in its members?
- What leadership opportunities are available for me in this organization?
- Does this organization perform community service regularly? Will I be asked to perform individual community service hours each semester?
- How long is the organization’s new member/pre-initiation period? What will be expected of me during this time?
- What were the organization’s greatest accomplishments during the past semester or past year?
- What are the financial obligations of membership?

Famous Sorority Members

Ann-Margret, actress
Maya Angelou, poet
Ruth Bader-Ginsberg, Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court
Ingrid Bergman, actress
Elizabeth Dole, CEO, American Red Cross
Julia Louis Dreyfuss, actress
Goldie Hawn, actress
Lena Horne, musician
Zora Neale Hurston, author, anthropologist
Kate Jackson, actress
Betsy Johnson, designer
Star Jones, television personality
Coretta Scott King, civil rights activist
Patti LaBelle, singer
Joan Lunden, TV personality
Sandra Day O’Connor, former Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court
Joyce Carol Oates, author
Rosa Parks, mother of the Civil Rights Movement
Jane Pauley, newscaster
Condoleezza Rice, former Secretary of State
Pat Schroeder, Senator
Dinah Shore, singer, actress
Kate Spade, designer
Carrie Underwood, singer
Maxine Waters, Representative, State of California
Heather Whitestone, former Miss America
Frequently Asked Questions

How do I join a fraternity or sorority?
Requirements and procedures are different for each of our organizations. In general, you should try to become involved in campus activities where you can meet members from different chapters. Let them know that you are interested in learning about the Greek community.

Why does Pace University have a deferred joining system?
The Office of Greek Life staff believes first-year students need ample time to adjust to college life without the time commitment of joining Greek organizations in their first semester. It’s important for first-year students to focus on academic achievement, making friends, getting settled into college life, and then to begin making decisions about what types of student organizations they may want to join.

How will my grades be impacted by fraternity or sorority membership?
Sororities and fraternities serve as a great academic resource for students, by offering study hours and tutoring programs. Most chapters require a high GPA both for initial membership into the organization and in order to remain an active member. The minimum GPA to participate in Greek recruitment is a 2.5. However, it is important to note that the average GPA for new members traditionally exceeds 2.75, so students are encouraged to achieve the highest GPA possible in order to have the best opportunity of membership.

Will I have time for a fraternity or sorority?
Being a Greek member can be a substantial time commitment. In any given week, it is common for a member to have one chapter meeting, one new-member meeting during his or her first semester of initiation, one committee meeting, and one or two social activities. This does not include intramural sports, Greek competitions, community service activities, or recruitment events. Greek students quickly learn how to manage their busy schedules, which helps
them academically 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 the Greek experience.

Are there fees to join?
There is a financial commitment associated with joining a fraternity or sorority. Membership fees go toward international fees, chapter operating expenses, and help pay for social functions. New members can expect to pay higher dues their first semester. (Dues range from $250–$700.) Additional costs throughout the semester may be for meal plans, pictures, gifts, social events, T-shirts, etc. Within the individual chapters, there are payment plans available for students, as well as scholarships.

What is the membership process for fraternities and sororities?
The membership process differs across organizations. However, Pace University has a zero-tolerance policy regarding hazing that is consistent with New York State law. Hazing includes any activity that subjects members to harassment, ridicule, intimidation, physical exhaustion, abuse, or mental distress. Hazing is contrary to the purposes of the Greek community and the University. Hazing is not tolerated. If you become aware of students participating in inappropriate activities as a result of membership in a fraternity or sorority, contact the Office of Greek Life. All calls will be handled in a discreet manner.

What about the stereotypes associated with fraternities and sororities?
Because the Greek community at Pace University contributes to social activity on campus, it has taken great strides toward creating a responsible and safe environment for its members. All fraternities and sororities have strict policies regulating the consumption of alcohol for underage members and guests. Organizations work closely with their respective governing council as well as the Office of Greek Life to conduct safe social activities. All Greek organizations are held accountable to the North American Interfraternity Council (NIC)/Pan-Hellenic Alcohol Policy, the Pace University Alcohol Policy, and New York State laws.
Parents, Welcome to Greek Life at Pace

Your student has embarked upon a great adventure by choosing to attend Pace University. By joining a fraternity or sorority, he or she is joining hundreds of other new members in their search for a sense of community at the University. Students can feel overwhelmed once they are in a new environment. Pace allows students to take the first semester of their first year to adjust to our campus life, before making the decision to “Go Greek.”

There are many myths about the Greek community, but the reality is that men and women in fraternities and sororities are committed to academics, volunteering in the community, developing and strengthening their leadership skills, and forming a campus network with other Greeks.

Parents Often Ask...

How will my student benefit from joining a sorority or a fraternity?

Sororities and fraternities are rooted in founding principles that foster academic achievement, student involvement, community service, and lifelong friendships. Greek organizations are groups of men and women who come together to form a personal network of individuals with similar ideas, interests, and a mutual pursuit of a well-rounded college education.

Advantages include: a support group to help make the adjustment to college easier; scholastic resources to help members achieve their academic goals; leadership training through hands-on experience; encouragement to get involved on campus; and opportunities for active participation in community service projects.
Who is actually in charge of the fraternities and sororities?

Individual chapters elect officers to manage the day-to-day operations of the organization. Alumni who act as advisers assist these officers. Each chapter is also responsible for their international organization, which offers support, advice, and direction through paid professional staff and regional volunteers. At Pace, three advisers are on staff as the primary contacts for the Greek community.

What is my role as a parent?

Encourage your student to attend as many campus events as possible during the fall semester. Being involved is the best way to meet active Greek members and learn about their chapters. Involvement in other student organizations is looked upon favorably during the membership selection process.

Fraternities

- Sigma Beta Rho
- Sigma Lambda Beta
- Tau Kappa Epsilon
- Zeta Beta Tau

Sororities

- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Kappa Delta
- Omega Phi Beta (colony)
- Sigma Delta Tau

Keep in mind...

Students need support throughout the process of recruitment and new member education. Be supportive and learn as much as you can about Greek life by asking your student questions once he or she meets members in fraternities and sororities.

Keep an open mind...

Greek life is not for everyone. Just because you may have been a fraternity or sorority member does not mean that it is the right choice for your student.

Fraternities and sororities are different on every campus. Groups that may have been strong on the campus where you attended school may not have the same reputation at Pace. Let your student choose the group that he or she feels the most comfortable joining.

Talk to your student beforehand about the financial obligation. Determine who will pay for what and what the limits are. Know that the system of fraternity or sorority recruitment at Pace is competitive. Not everyone who wants to be Greek will receive a bid.
Greek Glossary

**Active:** a man or woman who has been formally initiated by his/her fraternity or sorority

**Alumnus/Alumna:** an initiated member that has graduated from college

**Associate/New Member:** a member of a fraternity or sorority who has not yet been initiated

**Bid:** an invitation to membership in IFC/NPC/NPHC organization

**Brother/Sister:** a term used by active members when referring to each other

**Call:** the sound or saying by which members of NPHC organizations greet their brothers or sisters or announce their location

**Chapter:** the local collegiate or graduate group of a national fraternity or sorority

**Charter:** the official document recognizing a chapter's status by the national organization

**Colony:** status of a new chapter before installation

**Greek:** a term applied to members affiliated with Greek-letter organizations

**Greek Council:** the governing structure at Pace University

**Initiation:** a formal ceremony in which an associate/new member becomes an initiated member

**Intake:** the period of training before initiation when NPHC new members learn the history and traditions of the organization and bonds with his/her line

**Interest Meeting:** meeting for prospective members to receive information about and meet members of a Greek organization

**Interfraternity Council (IFC):** ensures cooperation among fraternities and promotes their interests

**Legacy:** a prospective member whose parent or sibling is an alumna/alumnus or an initiated member of the organization the student is seeking to join

**Line:** a group of new members in a specific NPHC/NALFO chapter in a specific semester

**National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC):** the governing body of nine international black Greek letter fraternity and sororities

**National Panhellenic Council (NPC):** the governing body of non-NPHC sororities

**New Member/Pledge Class:** a group of new members in a specific NPC/NIC chapter in a specific semester

**New Member Education:** the period of training before initiation when new members learn the history and traditions of the organization and bonds with his/her line

**New Member Showcase:** event where newly initiated members of an NPHC/diversified Greek organization perform step routines and reveal themselves to the public after their intake period

**National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO):** an umbrella council for Latino Greek letter organizations

**North American Interfraternity Council (NIC):** the governing body of non NPHC fraternities

**Order of Omega:** national honor society that recognizes and promotes Greek leadership and scholastics

**Potential Member/Rushee:** a non-Greek man or woman participating in the IFC/NPC recruitment process

**Recruitment:** designed for all membership selection and is a mutual selection process for potential members and chapters

**Recruitment Counselor:** a member of an NPC sorority that has disaffiliated from his/her organization during Recruitment Week to assist students interested in joining an NPC organization

**Rush:** designed for IFC membership selection and is a mutual selection process for potential members and chapters

**Stepping/Step Show:** a tradition of NPHC and cultural-based organizations where synchronized movements and routines are performed
Greek Life Meetings at Pace University

Greek Council
Wednesdays
12:20 p.m.–1:15 p.m.
One Pace Plaza

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