

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Dear MSU Students,

We are so excited to welcome you to Michigan State University and to all of the experiences the next few years will offer.

As you know, Greek Life is one aspect of the college experience that has garnered much public attention. We want to provide you with information that will allow you to make the best decisions regarding whether to join a fraternity or sorority and to ensure a positive experience through those affiliations.

At MSU, the University maintains a relationship with the four Greek Councils rather than the individual Greek chapters. This structure depends on strong student leadership supported by staff and faculty committed to a safe and vibrant Greek community. The four Greek Councils are: Interfraternity Council (IFC) Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) and Panhellenic Council (PC). For details on the chapters associated with each council, please visit the MSU Greek Life website at <http://www.greeklife.msu.edu/>



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Recruitment season provides opportunities for students to learn about the chapters and to participate in the membership process. In order to aid you in your decision, we are providing information associated with MSU's expectations of Greek organizations and the status of all active organizations. Along with this letter is the list of Greek chapters associated with the MSU Greek Councils; the list presents the status of each organization based on alignment with University expectations.

We highly recommend that Greek chapters become Registered Student Organizations (RSO) in order to attain the benefits of the facilities and services of the University. Many of the organizations elect to become RSOs and thereby have access to funding through student government.

***Greeks Take the Lead*** is a peer-educator prevention program designed to promote safety and improve the quality of the student experience. The curriculum includes an evidence-based approach to social norms and bystander intervention training specifically associated with sexual assault, sexual violence and relationship violence prevention. All fraternities and sororities recognized by the University as Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) are required to have all members attend the ***Greeks Take the Lead*** program. The program is available for all Greek chapters and you will note most elect to participate.

Benefits of membership in Greek organizations, documented for the MSU Greek councils included:

- Academic Achievement – the Panhellenic Council had an average semester GPA for Spring 2017 (3.36) that surpassed the average for all undergraduates (3.20);

- Service – collectively the four councils provided over 15,000 hours of service during the past academic year – these hours valued at minimum wage have an economic impact in excess of \$133,000.
- Philanthropy – IFC and PC raised and donated approximately \$350,000 in the last year

We seek to maintain a safe and productive environment for all students and recognize the importance of working closely with our Greek Councils to ensure the success of students choosing to affiliate with a chapter. Our core values of quality, inclusion and connectivity are interwoven in our engagement in Greek Life and in the lives of those participating.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, you may contact Linda Alexander, Greek Life Coordinator, at [alexa520@msu.edu](mailto:alexa520@msu.edu) or 517-355-8286.

We wish you the best for the 2017-18 academic year and look forward to your success.

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Sincerely,

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***WE INSPIRE SPARTANS TO GROW!***

