The F&S Life Newsletter Has Arrived

In our efforts to better promote Fraternity & Sorority Life on campus, we have put together a newsletter that will focus on our activities and successes. This issue focuses on our events and community services throughout the Fall 2012 semester. Please make sure that everyone is subscribing to our newsletter. If you have feedback or would like to submit an article for our next issue, please contact the Student Activities office.

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Interested?
Joining a Fraternity or Sorority offers students the opportunity to attain scholarship, build leadership skills, serve the community, create lifelong bonds, improve their character, and enrich their college experience. For more information on our organizations you can find them on stonybrook.edu/sblife
By the Numbers:

F&S Life statistics

5 Councils at SBU: NALFO, NPHC, NIC, NPC and Multicultural

31 active organizations on campus

$15,000 raised for charity and various philanthropies throughout the 2011-2012 school year.

The Five-Star Program

The Five Star Standards Program is an accreditation and recognition program for all fraternities and sororities designed to establish minimum performance standards that fraternities and sororities must meet to maintain campus recognition while serving as an opportunity for organizations to be recognized for exemplary performance.

Order of Omega

The Order of Omega is an honor society for the fraternity and sorority community that recognizes members that excel in scholarship and leadership. The Chi Kappa Chapter of Order of Omega was established at Stony Brook University on November 16, 2010.

14 New initiates to the Order of Omega Fall 2012

3,200: The number of hours our members have committed to community service

72: New initiates for Fall 2012 Congratulations to the Fall 2012 New Members!

3.0: minimum grade point average to be a member of the Order of Omega

8: The number of Members serving on the IFSC E-Board

3: organizations are rated five-star

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Pi Delta Psi Fraternity, Inc.

The Delta chapter of Pi Delta Psi, Fraternity, Incorporated, worked hard this past fall at Bethel Hobbs Community Farm near Stony Brook campus. It is a privately funded farm that reaches out and donates to the many citizens of the community. The farm operates in two ways: The fresh produce is delivered out into the community to those that need them, while there is also a section of the farm where individuals in the neighborhood can grow and tend to their own crops. They have been to this farm multiple times throughout the years and President Karl Santiago said “This is one of the best experiences we had with giving back to the community and within our own brotherhood. Each visit was a fun and fulfilling experience that brought those who came to help, a lot closer together.”

Sigma Iota Sigma Sorority

“Did you know that men get it too?” This is a question that the Divine Sisters of Sigma Iota Sigma always make sure to include in their annual program for Breast Cancer Awareness, a program that has been done with the brothers of Sigma Beta Rho for the past two years. Breast Cancer Awareness is the main philanthropy of the sisterhood, focused on throughout the month of October for Breast Cancer Awareness month. Many people do not realize that everyone, both men and women, are susceptible to being diagnosed with breast cancer. During the month of October, the sisters raise money, host an awareness program, and participate in the annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer at Jones Beach, as well as the Walk for Beauty in Stony Brook. There, they meet up with numerous alumni to carry on the tradition and to support a cause that they hold dear to their heart.
**Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.**

The sisters of Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. at Stony Brook, traveled to the city to volunteer at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s “Out of the Darkness Community Walk” in lower Manhattan. AFSP is a non-profit organization that dedicates time to research and advocate for suicide prevention. At the Community Walk, they helped out by being in charge of registration and making sure everything was running smoothly. The organization contributes to this walk every year in honor of their deceased charter, Kelly Ngai.

Other events they volunteered at during Fall 2012 include the Finest Sports Training Run, Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, and several events from Stony Brook’s Project Sunshine. They also hosted a clothing drive and a canned food drive on campus, and continued to fundraise money for their sponsored child in India. Their message to the community is, “we are able to accomplish all these things thanks to our hardworking sisters and fellow students who helped contribute to our different causes.”

**Sigma Alpha Mu, Fraternity**

Last semester, the brothers of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity supported IFSC’s Casino night and helped collect non-perishable food items for the communities affected by hurricane Irene. On another day, the brothers also helped set up tables for families, to serve lunch and pastries in the “Our Daily Bread” soup kitchen near Stony Brook University. It was the first time they volunteered at the soup kitchen and they truly enjoyed spending the day alongside some nice people like the ex-director of the SSO undergraduate college of Stony Brook.
Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Incorporada

The Hermanas of Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc. worked diligently on their SIA week this past fall. Their SIA week is a way by which the organization gets to highlight social issues and bring social and academic programs.

As their kick off event for their week, they held an event, in collaboration with the GLS department as well as other groups and organizations, called “Around the World”. This event had many activities, food and drinks from different continents. The chapter represented Latin America that night, serving a cultural drink called “Morir Sonando”, which received many compliments at the end of the event. Tuesday night, they had a M.A.C. make-up artist come on campus and give ladies tips and tricks on how to play with make-up and feel confident in their own skin. On Wednesday, their two newest members hosted a program called, “The Girl with the Glass Slipper”, which educated the campus on how the changing role of women have affected the movies we watch as a society. They explored the topic by analyzing prominent Disney princesses and their effects on the perception of women. Thursday night, in collaboration with Phi Iota Alpha, Fraternity, Inc. as well as Campus Dining, they hosted “Latino Night” in order to bring the community together through music and food.

The week concludes with their annual banquet which benefits their national philanthropy, One Heartland; a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of children infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS through year-round support. This year’s theme was “A Night of Shining Armor”, specifically chosen in order to make their loyal supporters, on this special night, feel like a Knight in Shining Armor for their contribution to the success of the event. All the profits from this banquet were sent to One Heartland. The Hermanas of Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc. are continuously striving to bring quality events and programs to the Stony Brook Community. Be on the lookout for more of their events. :)

The Hermanas of ΣIA partake in international, national and local community services. Internationally, they have adopted a boy from Colombia named Daniel. Their national philanthropic service is One Heartland and the members attend many local community services. Last semester, in collaboration with PAD Fraternity, Inc., they volunteered with the Sunrise Fund, an organization raising awareness of childhood cancer, for their “soar for a Cure” event. The ladies spent the day at the beach with children with cancer. Kids are still kids and through their hardships they still want to have fun. This event focused on giving children a day dedicated to just them. “We painted rocks, flew kites, gave out ice cream, face painted and sang out loud. It truly was a touching event.” – Shayla Ramos.
Every year, the Hermanas of the Alpha Delta chapter of Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc. and The Distinguished Dons of the Beta chapter of Phi Iota Alpha Professional Fraternity, Inc. host their annual VIVA La Raza banquet. The VIVA La Raza banquet encompasses the essences of their Latino culture through different performances, special appearances, guests, and amazing food. This past fall, the theme was “Viva La Raza: Transforming Our Culture” where they focused on how the different arts, mostly music, has transformed throughout time and has evolved the culture into what it is today. This year’s organization of choice was El Puente.

El Puente is located in Brooklyn and is a Latino arts and culture center. Their mission is to use the arts as a tool for social change, engaging artists and activists in the creation and facilitation of arts projects and training focused on artistic mastery and community development. “The turnout was amazing and the audience was thrilled about how much they had learned about the Latino culture. Every year VIVA La Raza is one of the most talked about banquets at Stony Brook for being educational yet fun, and for that, we take much pride.”

RAICES is a sorority-wide event that is hosted by each chapter of the organization. Hermanas across the U.S. lead various events and community service projects at their respective campus and within their local community. Chapters carry out a minimum of four events that focuses on cultural enrichment, women’s issues, community service and scholarship, which revolve around the sorority’s elected yearly theme. This year our National RAICES theme was MUJERES (WOMEN): PLANTING THE SEEDS OF PROGRESS. For the first time, ΣΛΥ garnered support from an outside organization for a national programming initiative. In line with their 2012 RAICES Theme, they focused on the importance of the reproductive health of Latina women; the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health offered a natural partnership with an identical mission and beneficial resources. Through the ¡Soy Poderosa! I am Powerful! civic engagement campaign, they made it their goal to engage, organize, and lift the voices of the Latina community, regardless of immigration status and ability to vote.

“The best feeling in the world is calling on Hermanas who you’ve never met and have them help you, help others”, states Bianela Colon, an Hermana of Sigma Lambda Upsilon who joined in 1993. In collaboration with Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc. and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., they were able to take 39 high school seniors to tour the Stony Brook campus. They held a panel on college life, financial aid, academics, EOP, etc. “The students had an amazing time” states Bianela Colon.
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. had their 9th Annual Homecoming Step Show and After party that was a huge success. With an attendance of over 700 people, they really showed a great emphasis on the definition of campus spirit.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. held an Election Viewing Party in collaboration with SSO Undergraduate College in Roth Dining Center. Over 300 people were in attendance as they watched the results come in for the next president.

Sigma Lambda Upsilon/ Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Incorporated (continued)

On Wednesday December 5th, 2012, the Hermanas of the Alpha Delta Chapter of ΣΛΥ in collaboration with the Hermanas of the Beta chapter of ΣΙΑ, volunteered in conjunction with the Pre-Dental Society, Pre-Physician’s Assistant Society, ASDA, P.A.D. Law Fraternity, the English Honor Society, SPD, and AOE to host a blood drive for the New York Blood Center. Throughout the day, with the assistance of many hands, they recruited students to donate blood by distributing flyers around campus and bringing friends along during their shifts.

“Blood drives are hosted on campus very often and are truly important for the lives of many; please take advantage of this opportunity when presented.” – Leanette Anzules (President of ΣΙΑ). “We encourage those who can donate, to contribute the gift of life and boost the blood supply for emergency situations.”- Stephanie Correra (President of ΣΛΥ). 63 donations were made which could potentially help save the lives of almost 200 people. The New York Blood Center was delighted to have these Greek organizations collaborate and devote their time and service to make the event successful.
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

“Yes, it is amazing to be able to distribute this common love between our families, but we must not forget that there are many people out there who do not have a family, or the financial needs to celebrate these holidays.”

The Pi Delta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated came together as a chapter on Thanksgiving Day and volunteered at the John Wesley United Methodist Church located in Brooklyn, NY, where they served hot meals to many families and engaged in enriching conversations. The Pi Delta Chapter along with other volunteers set-up the tables, made each person a plate of food and served them at their seats. As the visitors were eating, they continued to circle around the room to make sure everyone had what they needed. The chapter continued its service extravaganza into Christmas as they participated in a community service hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Along with 10 other volunteers, the Pi Delta Chapter participated in serving hot meals to the homeless at 42nd street port authority in New York City. With a bright smile and laughter, they welcomed all those in need of their service and tried their best to make them feel at home. There were over 20 people who were served food, by the many volunteers.

“The holiday season is a time filled with amazing memories and enjoying our families. However, as we approach our 100th Anniversary, we know the importance of carrying the legacy of our 22 founders, and remembering that we are a service organization bonded through sisterhood. As sisters we must come together to provide a helping hand to those in need. It was beautiful experience to serve our community, and be a ray of light during a time in which many people may not have the resources to enjoy a meal during this holiday season. In the end we loved every second of it and brightened someone’s day with just a smile.” - Tatiana Malebranche
Alpha Phi Delta.

Last semester, Alpha Phi Delta held its 4th annual Fall Classic Softball tournament for charity on October 5, 2012. All profits raised from this event were donated directly to the Stony Brook children’s hospital. The final donation amount was $8,000, their most successful contribution yet. The main coordinator of the event was Dan Nevola of Alpha Phi Delta, pictured in the suit.

Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. implemented a philanthropy dedicated to raising domestic violence awareness. Although the members of the Theta chapter are always bringing light to this issue, they made sure to do so even more in October since that is DV awareness month. They started off the semester with "Beta Fest" since they held their National Fall Conference on campus and wanted to start the month by making a difference in what they believe in. Beta Fest was a Stroll, Step and Dance Exhibition in which all proceeds went towards their DV banquet in the spring. They also participated in tabling activities once a week to raise awareness and funds for their annual banquet. They sold pins with empowering messages and participated in silent protests and two DV walks on and off campus.

President, Glendalis Moran stated, “It was very important for us to begin the semester and end the semester giving back to our community.” The sorority is a community service and academically inclined sorority and they wanted that to shine through when they decided to collaborate with the brothers of Phi Iota Alpha, Fraternity Inc. Together, they held an event called "Noche Buena" in which they provided refreshments while students created holidays cards and packaged toiletries for the less fortunate.
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated

This past fall semester has been a very busy one for the Theta Kappa Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. For the first time, their chapter tailgated before the homecoming football game, and as the reigning champions from the 2011 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated’s annual homecoming step show, they defended their title and placed second. They had their Finer Womanhood week in October which included the programs “Under Lock and Key” in collaboration with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, “Guess Who” and “Have a Baby By Me” in collaboration with D.C.I (Distressed Children and Infants). In November, they welcomed seven new outstanding members! Together, they engaged in several community service projects throughout the semester; One of which was with their graduate chapter, Nu Phi Zeta chapter. They worked with children and their families at the Boys and Girls Club of the Bellport Area, helping children make crafts and even performed at their Christmas party. President, Barbara Sisco eagerly says, “We look forward to continuing to serve our community in the upcoming spring semester.”

Sigma Delta Tau

The sisters of Sigma Delta Tau have blown Stony Brook University away with their outstanding fundraisers, recruitment process, and educational programs.

As Hurricane Sandy struck an overwhelming number of residents on Long Island, Sigma Delta Tau found it directly effecting one of it’s very own active sisters, Rebecca Moers. To assist in any type of financial relief, the Beta Phi chapter raised over one thousand dollars to help not only the Moers family, but those who were in a similar situation. In the midst of this, Beta Phi was maintaining fundraisers, such as bake sales, to reach their goal of donating over one thousand dollars to their philanthropy, PCAA (Preventing Child Abuse in America). They were successful in reaching their target.
From the Fraternity & Sorority Life Office

Thank you so much for reading the first issue of our official Fraternity and Sorority Life newsletter, *The Gavel*. We plan for this newsletter to be published twice a semester and highlight some of the amazing work our fraternity and sorority community is accomplishing. This first newsletter highlights the strengths of our community from the Fall 2012 semester.

We chose to name the newsletter *The Gavel* because the gavel is a symbol of leadership. It illustrates to everyone that we are a community that develops leaders. Leadership is not a position or a title, but rather a process. Through everything we do, from educational workshops to philanthropy tournaments, we are building up our members to be leaders that will greatly impact our world.

If you would like to see something featured in the next issue of *The Gavel* please submit articles and announcements to me at kimberly.stokely@stonybrook.edu.

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**Academic Success!!**

Every Semester, we calculate the GPA’s of our Fraternity and Sorority members, and this year, we would like to congratulate Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc. and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. For being the Fraternity and Sorority with the highest Grade Point Average.

**Congratulations to our exemplary organizations for their hard work throughout the 2011-2012 school year.**

**Five Star Organizations**

Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.
Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity
Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc.

**Four Star Organizations**

Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority
Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.
MALIK Fraternity, Inc.
Sigma Delta Tau Sorority
Sigma Iota Sigma Sorority

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