



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER



GUIDE TO

Fraternities & Sororities 2011-2012

GREETINGS ***from Fraternity & Sorority Affairs!***

Welcome to the University of Rochester Fraternity and Sorority community! Whether you are a fraternity/sorority member, a prospective member, a parent, faculty or staff member, student, or a guest of the university, we are happy to welcome and introduce you to the unique, and award-winning, community of fraternities/sororities in the College.

The UR fraternity/sorority system is aligned with the educational philosophy of the College. Due to the intentional connection to the academic mission of the College, the organizations appreciate the value of being a part of a learning community. We support a framework that assumes fraternities and sororities can and want to be successful and that the College's role is to expect and to provide support for their success. The system stresses the importance of autonomy of action within a framework of shared systems, goals, and objectives (Expectations for Excellence). We believe our success-driven model represents a unique and effective model for the University of Rochester.

We are proud of the success achieved by both our chapters and individual members. Annually UR chapters and members are recognized with top national awards for their excellence in scholarship, leadership, programming, service, and risk management. Many members of our fraternity/sorority community are also leaders of a variety of organizations on campus including, but not limited to, Student Government, Class Councils, cultural groups, and academic undergraduate councils. We are fortunate to have many faculty and staff, including the Dean of Students, the Dean of Freshmen, and the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, involved as Chapter Advocates who volunteer to assist organizations in planning and implementing their Expectations for Excellence and related programs. We believe we have a values-based, success-driven model that exemplifies excellence, and we appreciate your interest in learning about all of the fraternities and sororities on campus.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica Miranda Smalls".

Monica Miranda Smalls
Director, *Fraternity and Sorority Affairs*



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OVERVIEW

Fraternalities and Sororities at the University of Rochester exist by virtue of the University's endorsement and support. The University of Rochester appreciates the role fraternities and sororities play in the life of campus with 23% of the student body being members of the fraternity and sorority community. Utilizing the Communal Principles and the educational philosophy of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering, the University of Rochester developed the Expectations for Excellence. This vibrant, success-driven model for the fraternity and sorority community focuses on attaining true college-centered chapters and guides the work coordinated by Fraternity and Sorority Affairs (FSA), a unit of the Office of the Dean of Students.

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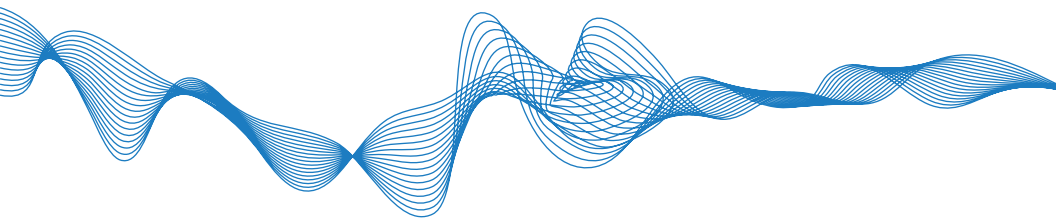
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EXPECTATIONS *for* EXCELLENCE

The Expectations for Excellence is an initiative at the University of Rochester to create college-centered fraternity and sorority chapters on campus. The program follows a success driven model that encourages the chapters to become a larger part of the campus community rather than exist as insular groups on the periphery of the College. The program encourages co-sponsorship of events with other fraternities, sororities, and non-fraternity/sorority student groups on campus as well as greater interaction with College offices and increased use of College resources.

This program is the hallmark of the fraternity/sorority system. It represents our efforts to create a framework based upon the College culture that encourages the cultural values, expectations, and practices of fraternities and sororities which are consistent with the values and academic mission of the College. This program emphasizes goal-setting, planning, and self-assessment in an accreditation model of accountability supported by the FSA Staff, Chapter Advocate (a volunteer faculty or staff member), and an Alumni Advisor. Using the paradigm of shared values, organizations annually complete a written Annual Report and Plan and formally present this document, in person, to the Fraternity/Sorority Standards Sub-Committee Review Panel indicating how successful their efforts were and how they will improve in the future. Groups can receive commendation through this process, may be mandated to change or to improve plans for the future, or may ultimately lose recognition by the College. Many positive changes have occurred due to the impact of the Expectations for Excellence including membership growth, increase in collaborative programming, alumni involvement and engagement, increasing number of chapters receiving high level national awards and recognition, as well as the Fraternity and Sorority System being honored as the 2007 Bronze Excellence Award recipient by NASPA: Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education in the Student Union, Student Activities, Greek Life, Leadership, and related programs category.

SCHOLARSHIP

COMMUNITY BUILDING & PROGRAMMING

NON-ACADEMIC STUDENT CONDUCT

LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT



STORIES *from our* MEMBERS



HARRY BROOKSTEIN

The best way to say what I've gotten out of my fraternity experience is saying what I would have missed out on if I hadn't joined. I would have missed out on making some of the best friends I've ever had, gaining a real sense of responsibility, bolstering my confidence, and taking away some of the most ridiculous and best memories from college that I don't think I'll ever forget.

VINCENT DERIENZO

Before meeting the men I now call brothers, I never saw myself as someone who would be interested in joining a fraternity due to preconceptions from popular culture. I was wrong. Seeing my organization rally around a brother who was diagnosed with Leukemia, and taking on a new philanthropic venture to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, showed me these were not trivial relationships formed for social survival but instead are bonds that endure through times both joyous and distressing. These bonds make up what I am now proud to be a part of: a brotherhood.



LIV EHMANN

UR fraternity and sorority life is so tight-knit and has allowed me to meet so many different people on campus. As a member of my organization, I've been inspired by older women who have pushed me to take leadership positions in my chapter and on campus. Being a senior, I hope that I can do the same for some of the younger members who are just entering this community.



KAITLIN CARRAGHER

My involvement in my chapter has granted me a leadership experience that is unlike any I have had in other campus groups. As President of a sorority, the people I get to lead and work with everyday to run my organization are my best friends, and I don't think many other people can say that.

LUCAS PIAZZA

Since pledging a fraternity my freshman year, the changes I have seen in myself have been numerous and great. Collectively, the inclusive and involved individuals that comprise their respective organizations have shown me that fraternity and sorority life has implications that extend far beyond Hollywood's false depiction. Fraternities and sororities serve as a platform for young adults to develop leadership skills, tackle difficult situations, get involved and take action, grow lasting relationships and gain interpersonal skills that will prove beneficial for the entirety of one's life.



ANNA RICHLIN

Being in a sorority at the U of R has made my college experience. My sorority sisters saw potential in me that I didn't even know I had, and because of them, I have become a stronger, more confident woman. Thanks to fraternity and sorority life at the U of R, I've gained incredible leadership experience, broadened my social network both on and off campus, and made lifelong friends.



LORENZO MENDEZ

I have had an amazing time participating in fraternity and sorority life at the University of Rochester. In previous years I have served as president and treasurer for my chapter. Fraternity and sorority life has given me lifelong friends and experiences that have helped me grow and learn as an individual. Co-leading the first ever campus-wide unity stroll was one of my most memorable experiences at the University.





STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK *for* FRATERNITY AND SORORITY AFFAIRS

Mission

We promote excellence on campus and in the Greater Rochester area through support, advocacy, and advisement of fraternity and sorority members. We empower community through creating collaborative networks that are aligned with the mission and values of the College and the Office of the Dean of Students. As educators we strengthen the relationship between the College and its recognized fraternities and sororities via a success-driven system rooted in the College.

Vision

FSA envisions that all fraternity and sorority members will:

- Be integrated and invested in the College through active contributions to the quality of campus life
- Serve as beacons of leadership for their communities
- Exemplify and promote the positive aspects of fraternity and sorority life
- Be outstanding citizens and representatives of the University of Rochester



KEY COMPONENTS of FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

Building an Inclusive Community. Fraternities and sororities build a strong, inclusive community through relationships and partnerships with diverse student groups and community organizations, both in the College and beyond campus, in an atmosphere of trust, cooperation, and respect. They identify opportunities for involvement on campus and within the Rochester community. Community service provides important career experiences and helps individuals develop a sense of responsibility, self-discipline, and self-respect. Chapters encourage individuality while celebrating the diversity of their membership. Providing the chance to interact with students who differ in college majors, hometowns, cultures, or creeds creates an excellent opportunity for one to develop pride in membership and a challenge to “live beyond one’s self” in an inclusive community.

Friendship. Being part of a group experience rounds out the college experience. UR fraternities and sororities sponsor events for their members to enjoy, ranging from monthly get-togethers to semester formals. The rituals of sororities and fraternities, the common experiences, the sharing of ideas, the bond of sisterhood and brotherhood, and the search for goals provide a common ground for the rich experience of lifetime friendship.

Leadership Development. Fraternities and sororities acknowledge that their members have multiple identities and interests and support and nurture these identities. Many of the top student leaders on campus are affiliated with a sorority or fraternity. Leadership is encouraged by supporting and promoting individuals’ search for purpose and passion. Chapters encourage their members to attend training and to participate in hands-on experiences through service and leadership positions in the group and in the greater student community. Being in a Greek-lettered organization provides practice in, and the context of, leadership. Service as an officer or as a committee chair provides expert training for participation in all kinds of business and civic responsibilities. The University community continues to look to the fraternal system to provide outstanding student leaders as well as many strong alumni.





HAZING PREVENTION

We believe that no student should ever be harmed or degraded while seeking membership in any student organization at the University of Rochester. Hazing goes against the core values of fraternities and sororities and violates the the bonds of brotherhood/sisterhood and friendship on which these organizations were founded.

The University of Rochester defines hazing as follows: **Any action taken or situation created, whether on or off University premises, which has the potential to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule.**

Such activities may include, but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol; paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts/scavenger hunts (without the expressed and prior approval of the appropriate director or dean), road trips or any other such activities carried on outside or inside the confines of any living unit (without the expressed and prior approval of the appropriate director or dean); wearing public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual, or policy, or the regulations and policies of the educational institution.

More information is available in the University of Rochester Standards of Student Conduct, available from the Center for Student Conflict Management in the Office of the Dean of Students.

Reporting Hazing

University Security: (585) 275-3333 (off-campus), or x13 (on-campus)

Fraternity and Sorority Affairs: (585) 275-3167

Office of the Dean of Students: (585) 275-4085

UCC Professional On-Call: (585) 275-3113 or (585) 275-2361

University Intercessor: (585) 275-9125

In addition, the Chapter Advocate, Alumni/ae Advisor, and national headquarters should be informed of the situation and can provide additional guidance.



NATIONAL ORDER *of* OMEGA

The National Order of Omega is a nationally recognized Fraternity and Sorority Honor Society whose members, drawn from the fraternity and sorority community, represent outstanding scholarship, leadership, and service. Members have a strong, positive impact both on their own organization and on the entire fraternal community. Only 3% of fraternity and sorority members are selected each year, ensuring that members are among the top fraternity and sorority leaders on campus.

Purpose of Order of Omega

To recognize those fraternity men and women who have attained a high standard of leadership in inter-fraternity activities, to encourage them to continue along this line, and to inspire others to strive for similar conspicuous attainment.

To bring together outstanding fraternity men and women to create an organization which will help to mold the sentiment of the institution on questions of local and intercollegiate fraternity affairs.

To bring together members of the faculty, alumni, and student members of the institution's fraternities and sororities on a basis of mutual interest, understanding and helpfulness.

To help create an atmosphere where ideas and issues can be discussed openly across Greek lines and to help work out solutions.



FRATERNITY & SORORITY COUNCILS

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) serves as the governing council for 10 of our 16 national fraternities. This council was established in order to form a more cohesive interaction among the existing organizations within the UR chapters that are members of the North-American Interfraternity Conference. Its main purpose is to ensure harmony among the University community and to promote the experience that brotherhood can offer.

Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)

The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) was established in the spring of 2000. Each member organization of the MGC has a specific cultural basis, which is the defining quality of this council. Although each fraternity and sorority within the MGC has an individual cultural focus, none of the member organizations are culturally exclusive by any means. The 14 UR chapters of the MGC include members of the National Asian Pacific Islander American Panhellenic Association (NAPA), National Association for Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO), and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC).

Panhellenic Association

The Panhellenic Association is composed of undergraduate delegates of seven sororities of the National Panhellenic Conference. The council assists in establishing guidelines for membership recruitment, service opportunities, and social activities for Panhellenic Association sorority members. All guidelines act in accordance with the UR Expectations for Excellence, as well as the National Panhellenic Conference unanimous agreements and policies. The Panhellenic Association is proud to be the largest women's group on campus serving not only their members but also their campus and surrounding communities.

Each fraternity and sorority and its respective governing council can receive mail at its chapter mailbox: 201 Wilson Commons, Rochester, NY 14627.



Alpha Epsilon Pi

Nickname: AEPi

Colors: Blue and Gold

National Founding Date: 1913, NYU

Local Founding Date: 1998

Annual events/philanthropies: AEPi-Sponsored Shabbat, FoodLink, Adopt-A-Highway, Hookah Nights, AEPie Throwing, Spring Semiformal

National Philanthropy: AEPi Official National Philanthropy donates to Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem, Chai Lifeline's Camp Sincha (a summer camp for terminally ill children), and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Website: <http://www.aepipn.org>

Residence: Gale 210/240

Motto: Developing Leadership for the Jewish Community

We are the only nationally Jewish fraternity in North America.

In the 97-year history of AEPi, over 87,000 men across the nation have been initiated as brothers of the fraternity. Here at Rochester, we have a very strong brotherhood. Our current brothers are an outstanding group of students that have established themselves as leaders on campus as research assistants, teaching assistants, D'Lions, writers, musicians, and performers. We host many events on campus and in our residence in Hill Court each year, including our popular Hookah Nights in front of the library and an annual AEPie Throwing event. In addition, we often co-host events with Hillel and Chabad, two organizations that support Jewish culture on campus.

Moreover, AEPi is a group of very close friends that are proud to call each other their brothers. We are eager to meet new people and welcome them into the fraternity. We are a Jewish fraternity and the majority of our brothers are Jewish, but we are non-discriminatory and open to all who are interested.





Alpha Phi Alpha

Nickname: Alphas

Colors: Black and Old Gold

National Founding Date: December 4, 1906

Local Founding Date: January 22, 1977

Annual events/philanthropies: Welcome Back Weekend, Alpha Mentee Initiative, Political Action Month, Boys Town Hall, Black & Gold Weekend, Alpha Week, Anniversary Celebration, Gold Rush Step Show, Ski Trip and Image Awards

National Philanthropy: Go-To-High School, Go-To-College, Project Alpha and A Voteless people is a Hopeless people

Website: www.alpha-phi-alpha.com, www.rit.edu/apalpha

Chapter Email: MuSigmaAlphas@gmail.com

Motto: First Of All, Servants Of All, We Shall Transcend All

Since its founding, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African-Americans and people of color around the world.

Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of Brotherhood among African descendants in this country. The Mu Sigma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was the first African American based organization to be established in Rochester, NY. It was chartered on January 22, 1977 on the campus of the University of Rochester by nine men known as the "Gold Line of the Junkyard Dog."

Since the establishment of Mu Sigma, over 100 brothers have been initiated into Alpha in Rochester, NY. The schools range from the University of Rochester, Hobart College, Syracuse University, SUNY Brockport, Rochester Institute of Technology, St. John Fisher College, and SUNY Geneseo. These brothers have lived through the fraternity aims, "Manly Deeds, Scholarship, and Love for All Mankind," and provided outstanding service to the Rochester community.





Chi Phi

Colors: Scarlet and Blue

National Founding Date: December 24th, 1824

Local Founding Date: Winter 1965

Annual events/philanthropies: Shag Bags (For AIDS Rochester), American Cancer Society

Website: <http://sa.rochester.edu/chiphi/>

Chi Phi is an organization dedicated to maximizing the college experience for the U of R community. The members of our brotherhood are given opportunities for getting experience in networking, leadership, and philanthropy in addition to creating a tightly knit brotherhood that offers an excellent support system for making the transition into and out of college.

Founded on the principles of truth, honor and personal integrity, the Fraternity is ever striving to move forward in providing for the needs of our members while helping to communicate the possibilities of fraternity to future members. In keeping with the trends of today's society and student, the Fraternity has made several changes over recent years. However, none may be more important than the renewal of our commitment to the fraternity's founding principles and the development of today's authentic man.

As one of the earliest known organizations of our type, the authentic fraternity, Chi Phi reaffirms its member development promise beginning with a change to New Member Education and a commitment to total member development. We realize that our members do not learn everything we have the ability to teach during a traditional pledge period. But, by broadening the scope of expectations of learning from one semester to an entire college career we are able to carry our men from new member to alumnus seamlessly.





Delta Kappa Epsilon

Nickname: Deke **Colors:** Crimson, Gold, Navy

Residence: 597 Fraternity Road

National Founding Date: 1844

Local Founding Date: 1856

Annual events/philanthropies: DKE & DG Anchor Splash, The 70s Party, The Purple Passion Party, volunteer work in the 19th Ward with City of Rochester

Website: www.dkebetaphi.com & www.dke.org

Motto: “Kerothen Philoi Aei” or “Friends from the Heart, Forever”

Delta Kappa Epsilon has been a celebrated and prestigious brotherhood for generations, having recognized over 64 chapters while initiating over 85,000 brothers since its inception. The fraternity’s founding principle requires each member to maintain in equal proportions the qualities of a gentleman, a scholar, and a jolly good-fellow. In 1856 DKE established a chapter at Rochester, and ever since DKE has continually had a positive impact on the campus community. Throughout the Campus one certainly notices the philanthropic marks left by Joseph C. Wilson (Wilson Commons, Wilson Boulevard), William Harkness (Harkness Hall), Charles Force Hutchinson (Hutchinson Hall), Edward Bausch (Bausch & Lomb Hall) and Robert B. Georgen (Georgen Athletic Facility, Georgen Hall), all of which are a few of the many generous, successful, and influential Brothers of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

The success of the brothers of Delta Kappa Epsilon is not limited solely to those members who choose to attend the U of R. Five American Presidents, the most of any fraternity, were DKE brothers: Rutherford B. Hayes, Theodore Roosevelt, Gerald Ford, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush. Alan Bean, the fourth man to walk on the moon, was a DKE, as was Robert E. Peary, the first man to reach the North Pole. Some other famous brothers of Delta Kappa Epsilon include: J. P. Morgan, Vice President Dan Quayle, Dick Clark, Tom Landry, George Steinbrenner, Howard Heinz, William Wrigley III, Robert Lehman, Walter Camp, Robert Trent Jones, Joe Paterno, and Nathaniel Hawthorne. As history provides, the society of Delta Kappa Epsilon is second to none. Any man who can say that he is a DKE is a man who has the potential to accomplish his biggest dreams, alongside and with the support of his closest friends, all the while under the umbrella of the strength, history, and legacy provided by the most influential fraternity in our nation.





Delta Upsilon

National Founding Date: 1834

Local Founding Date: 1852

Colors: Sapphire Blue, Old Gold

Website: <http://www.durochester.org/>

Residence: 575 Fraternity Road

Annual events/philanthropies: Homeless for the Homeless

Motto: Building Better Men

Delta Upsilon was founded in 1834 at Williams College to provide outstanding men with an alternative to the secret societies of the time. Over the past 166 years, DU has grown tremendously, today boasting over 85 chapters in the United States and Canada, and over 100,000 initiated brothers.

Delta Upsilon is also one of the most active fraternities at the University of Rochester. We sponsor and participate in a wide variety of programming including brotherhood, philanthropic, academic, and athletic events.

Through the ties of friendship and brotherhood, Delta Upsilon exists to develop men who exemplify and uphold the values of leadership, diversity, and justice, and to sharpen and direct their talents for the benefits of the group, the individual, and the community.

Our founders attempted to combine the best of fraternal and independent life and eliminating the undesirable aspects of both. In their early conferences, our founding brothers soon learned that they individually shared common beliefs, concepts, and concerns. These concepts, which were to be woven through the fabric of Delta Upsilon, are enunciated in the form of our four simple, yet very profound principles:

The Advancement of Justice • The Development of Character
The Diffusion of Liberal Culture • The Promotion of Friendship





Lambda Alpha Upsilon

Nickname: Lambdas **Colors:** Red, Yellow, White, Black

National Founding Date: December 10th, 1985

Local Founding Date: April 17th, 1993

Annual events/philanthropies: Sickie Cell, Hurricane relief, Latino Awareness Week, RITmo Latino, Mi Tierra, Lambda Wetdown, St. Michael's Church

National Philanthropy: Sickie Cell

Website: www.lambdas.com/UofR

Motto: "Venceremos Porque Nacimos Para Triunfar!"

(We Will Overcome Because We Were Born To Triumph!)

First Latino Greek organization established in the Rochester area.

LAU is a brotherhood of professional men working to promote the awareness of the Latino culture throughout colleges and communities across the nation. LAU sponsors programs that celebrate our diverse brotherhood backgrounds. The brotherhood serves as a support system to assist its members in realizing their personal and professional goals and empowers the Latino community by establishing a network of professionals.

Although LAU is a Latino-oriented fraternity, membership is not limited to students of Latino descent. The brotherhood enjoys and welcomes a diverse membership. It uses this diversity to learn from its members and preserve its strong fraternal bond. LAU is constantly looking for bright, energetic and professional men who hold the same vision and are willing to grow with us; both as members of existing chapters or as founders of new chapters. LAU has committed itself to carrying out the metas (goals) of the fraternity through community service, educational, and entertaining functions throughout the Rochester community.





Lambda Upsilon Lambda

Nickname: Lambdas or ELITE Lambdas

Colors: Primary - Brown, Gold; Secondary - White, Red

National Founding Date: February 19, 1982

Local Founding Date: May 3, 1997

Annual Events: UR Path to Better Health, Turkey Drive, Kiss & Tell, Latino Heritage Month, Noche Dorada

National/Chapter Philanthropy: The PATHE Initiative

Website: www.launidadlatina.org

Mascot: Fraternal Symbol

Motto: La Unidad Para Siempre

La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Incorporated (LUL) was established in order to address the shortcomings of academic institutions in meeting the needs of Latino students in higher education. Founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, LUL primarily seeks to take a leadership role in meeting the needs of the Latino community through cultural awareness, community service, and promotion of the Latino culture and people. From its inception, LUL has maintained a firm commitment to the empowerment and betterment of all Latinos. To accomplish this goal, La Fraternidad addresses various key areas of concern to the Latino community, beginning with a concentration on academic achievement, community service, and cultural awareness. Since its conception LUL has established a chapter at all of the IVY League institutions.

The Omega Chapter of LUL was founded on May 3rd, 1997. It was at this time that the three dedicated Hermanos of the Alpha Line crossed over and became part of this glorious organization. LUL was the first Latino Greek Letter Organization founded at the University of Rochester. The Omega Chapter of La Unidad Latina was founded in order to fill a void within the Rochester collegiate, and local communities. Since its founding, the Omega Chapter charter has grown to include the entire city of Rochester, N.Y. The Omega Chapter has crossed Hermanos at the University of Rochester, Rochester Institute of Technology, Nazareth College, and St. John Fisher College.





Omega Psi Phi

National Founding Date: November 17, 1911

Website: www.omegapshiphifraternity.org

Colors: Royal Purple and Old Gold

Motto: "Friendship is Essential to the Soul"

Omega Psi Phi ($\Omega\Psi\Phi$) is an international fraternity and was the first African-American national fraternal organization to be founded at a historically black college. From its inception, the fraternity has worked to build a strong and effective force of men dedicated to its Cardinal Principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift. In 1927, at the urging of fraternity member Carter G. Woodson, the fraternity made National Negro Achievement Week an annual observance, and it continues today as Black History Month.

Since 1945, the fraternity has undertaken a National Social Action Program to meet the needs of African Americans in the areas of health, housing, civil rights, and education. Omega Psi Phi has been a patron of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) since 1955, providing an annual gift of \$50,000 to the program. Omega Psi Phi is also a member of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC).



Phi Kappa Tau

Nickname: Phi Tau

Colors: Harvard Red and Old Gold

National Founding Date: 1906

Local Founding Date: 1985

Annual events/philanthropies: Campus Golf

National Philanthropy: Hole in the Wall Camps

Website: www.phikappatau.org

Motto: The Force of Many, The Power of One

Phi Kappa Tau was originally founded in 1906 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Since that time its members have demonstrated a lifelong commitment to philanthropy and service. The Delta Chi chapter at the University of Rochester has striven to continue this tradition since its inception in 1985. In the past our fraternity has been known for academic excellence and some of the best rugby players this school has ever known. On top of this, our off campus location in the 19th ward, right across the Genesee, allows us to remain deeply connected to the city of Rochester while maintaining strong ties to the campus. We are looking forward to expanding and hope you will be a part of our future growth.

Mission: The mission of Phi Kappa Tau is to champion a lifelong commitment to brotherhood, learning, ethical leadership, and exemplary character.





Pi Delta Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Pi Delta Psi

Nickname: PDP, PDPsi

Colors: Black, Red, White

Annual Events/Philanthropies: Pi Week

National Founding Date: February 20, 1994

Local Founding Date: November 24, 1997

Website: <http://www.pideltapsi.com/>

Motto: Excellence Through Brotherhood

Pi Delta Psi is an Asian-American Cultural Interest Fraternity founded at Binghamton University. Our goal is to break down cultural barriers by fostering the growth of our members in all aspects of life. Today, our organization consists of over 1,200 brothers spanning 23 undergraduate chapters as well as an alumni chapter. Our organization is a member of the National Asian Pacific Islander American Panhellenic Association (NAPA).

The mission of Pi Delta Psi Fraternity, Inc. is to maintain its Fraternal existence by instilling values that nurture and perpetuate the continual growth and development of the individual through Academic Achievement, Cultural Awareness, Righteousness, Friendship and Loyalty while fostering ethical behavior, leadership, and philanthropy.

Pi Delta Psi was founded on these principles to help promote Asian Awareness amongst ourselves and throughout the community. We envisioned this to be possible by going out of the boundaries of an organization and creating a Fraternity on the basis of common goals and ideals in the form of a brotherhood. We believe that through education, we can become more knowledgeable about the different Asian cultures, overcome obstacles of racism and discrimination, therefore unifying us as a whole.





Sigma Alpha Mu

Nickname: SAM

Colors: Purple, White

National Founding Date: November 26, 1909

Local Founding Date: September 1, 1957

Annual events/philanthropies: Beach Bash

National Philanthropy: Alzheimer's Association

Website: www.sam.org

Residence: 535 Fraternity Road

Motto: "To foster and maintain among its sons a spirit of fraternity, a spirit of mutual moral aid and support; to instill and maintain in the hearts of its sons love for and loyalty to Alma Mater and its ideals; to inculcate among its sons such ideals as will result in actions worthy of the highest precepts of true manhood, democracy, and humanity."

The mission of Sigma Alpha Mu is to guide each undergraduate member toward a more meaningful life, to prepare members for responsible fraternity and community involvement, and to create social and service opportunities for its alumni.





Sigma Beta Rho

Nickname: Sig Rho

Colors: Red, Black, Green

National Founding Date: August 16, 1996

Local Founding Date: December 8, 2002

Annual events/philanthropies: Be the Change Day, Halloween Project, Fusion

National Philanthropy: Youth Education and Development

Website: www.sigmabetarho.com/kappa

Residence: Munro 1

Motto: "Brotherhood Beyond All Barriers"

Fastest growing multicultural fraternity in the United States.

Founded on the principles of Society, Brotherhood and Remembrance, eight young men established Sigma Beta Rho Fraternity, Inc. at the University of Pennsylvania in 1996 with the vision not only to produce the future leaders of this country, but to produce a brotherhood that would extend across all barriers. Since then, Sigma Beta Rho has grown into a social fraternity dedicated to the betterment of our community through community service and cultural awareness. In the past 12 years, this vision has spread across various college campuses throughout the United States, with chapters, associate chapters and colonies extending from coast to coast, while expansion efforts continue at an unparalleled rate. Sigma Beta Rho is a recognized member of the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) and the National Asian Pacific Islander American Panhellenic Association (NAPA). Locally, the Kappa Chapter at the University of Rochester continues to provide innovative and enjoyable programming. Two of our most notable events include Be the Change Day, a day devoted to providing service to the community, and Fusion, the largest collaborative party thrown on campus, both of which continue to receive the highest praise and recognition from faculty, administration, as well as the student body. Our brothers hail from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, significantly contributing to the diversity of our campus. In 2008, Sigma Beta Rho was named the "Multicultural Greek Organization of the Year" by the Minority Student's Advisory Board (MSAB), for the 2007-2008 academic year. During Greek Week 2009, Sigma Beta Rho was awarded the "Most Valuable Greek Organization on Campus" by the Greek Week Committee, and a Sigma Beta Rho brother was honored as the first "Greek God."





Sigma Chi

Colors: Blue and Old Gold

National Founding Date: June 28th, 1855

Local Founding Date: May of 1931

Annual events/philanthropies: Derby Days, Car Bash, Campus Golf, and Spaghetti Dinner.

National Philanthropy: Children's Miracle Network, Huntsman Cancer Institute

Website: <http://ursigmachi.org/index.html> **Residence:** 555 Fraternity Road

Motto: In Hoc Signo Vinces

Sigma Chi was founded on the principles of friendship, justice and learning. We believe that creating an environment that allows for these values to flourish will lead to a more balanced man and a stronger leader. Beliefs, however, mean nothing if they are not acted upon. The Gamma Pi Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity has built an atmosphere where different temperaments, talents, and convictions come together and establish strong bonds of friendship; we have constructed a set of bylaws with our own judicial system and have striven to excel academically both in the classrooms and by participating in various on campus activities.

What Sigma Chi is most proud of is our involvement in the community. We have fostered a strong relationship with the Newman Community, greatly contributed to the efforts of Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) by supporting them in their annual Relay For Life event, and have our own annual event called Derby Days – a weeklong philanthropic event in which all proceeds go to the Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong. In addition, we offer a scholarship each year to a well-rounded member of the freshman class who exhibits strong leadership and demonstrates ambition for higher learning.





Sigma Nu

National Founding Date: 1869

Local Founding Date: April 25, 1987

Residence: Wilder 5

Colors: Black and Gold

Annual Events: Camp Corey YMCA Cleanup, Hot Dog Eating Contest, Frolf This Way

Website: <http://sigmanurochester.com/>

Unlike a club, membership in Sigma Nu is more than just a few casual meetings, more than a place to hang out with your buddies, and more than just an impulse decision. Rather, it is a life-long commitment to our principles and beliefs, to your newly found friends and Fraternal family, and is inspired by our founding principals of Love, Truth, and Honor.

Your mind, heart, and character will grow with Sigma Nu as you interact with your Brothers on a daily basis. Be it during a friendly scrimmage on the field, or out at our White Rose Formal, you will feel the Fraternal bonds of Brotherhood.

At Sigma Nu, Brotherhood means responsibility, sportsmanship, trustworthiness, and respect. Brotherhood means friendship, family, and fun. At Sigma Nu, Brotherhood is all of these things and more and is perhaps best expressed by our mission statement...

To develop ethical leaders inspired by the principles of Love, Truth, and Honor.

To foster the personal growth of each man's mind, heart, and character.

To perpetuate lifelong friendship and commitment to the Fraternity.





Sigma Phi Epsilon

Nickname: SigEp

Colors: Red and Purple

National Founding Date: 1901

Local Founding Date: 1986

Annual events/philanthropies: Yellowjacket Weekend Luau, Nick Tahou's Garbage Plate Run, Red Death Party, Shave-A-SigEp

National Philanthropy: Youth AIDS

Residence: Wilder 3

Motto: Sound Mind, Sound Body

Largest National Fraternity

SigEp is one of the campus's most active fraternities on an annual basis. Their Yellowjacket Weekend Luau is an annual event typically attended by over 1000 students and staff. In the spring they will host the Nick Tahou's Garbage Plate Run, a 3-man relay race that raises money for cancer research. This is followed by another charity fund-raiser in the spring, Shave-A-SigEp. SigEp's annual Halloween and "Red Death" parties are also very popular among students.

By following the fraternity's ideal of "Sound Mind and Sound Body" all the brothers of SigEp strive to help each other excel both academically and athletically. It is common to see large groups of brothers at the library, the gym, and in many of the extra curricular activities the school has to offer. By doing this, SigEp rises above the stereotype of the typical college fraternity to a level that will leave all of its brothers better off when they graduate.





Theta Chi

Colors: Military Red and White

National Founding Date: April 10, 1856

Local Founding Date: June 11, 1920

Annual events/philanthropies: Turkey Bowl, The 80s party, New Years in November

National Philanthropy: The Iacocca Foundation; Starlight Children's Foundation

Website: <http://www.thetachi.org>

Residence: 557 Fraternity Road

Motto: "The Assisting Hand"

Maxim: "Alma Mater first and Theta Chi for Alma Mater"

Theta Chi Fraternity is one of the oldest and largest men's fraternities in North America today with over 230 chapters. Our past is indeed proud, reflecting a society founded by two young idealistic cadets. For 46 years, Theta Chi was but one chapter at Norwich University. Our growth from 1902 and over the next century is a tribute to the standards, ideals, and objectives of those cadets and over 161,000 men who have followed them and taken the vows of Theta Chi Fraternity. Those ideals and standards are as attractive and as meaningful today as in 1856. Our growth and expansion demonstrate that there are many thousands of young men who join our chapters and colonies each year to share in that brotherhood.

The Chapter at the University of Rochester prides itself on developing the well-rounded college man--a man of morals and integrity who embraces the virtues of truth, temperance, and tolerance. Our brotherhood is a diverse group. We represent every region of the US and several other countries; we are active in sports, clubs, and student government; we participate in several philanthropic events hosted by other student groups and continually strive to improve the college experience of our peers while providing a model of what a fraternity should be.





Alpha Kappa Alpha

National Founding Date: January 15, 1908

Colors: Salmon Pink and Apple Green

Symbol: Ivy Leaf

Flower: Pink Tea Rose

Website: www.aka1908.com

Alpha Kappa Alpha is the first Greek-lettered sorority established and incorporated by African American college women. The sorority was founded on January 15, 1908, at Howard University in Washington, D.C. by a group of nine students, led by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle. Forming a sorority broke barriers for African American women in areas where little power or authority existed due to a lack of opportunities for minorities and women in the early twentieth century. Alpha Kappa Alpha was incorporated on January 29, 1913.

Consisting of college-educated women of African, Caucasian, Asian, Native American, and Hispanic descent, the sorority serves a membership of more than 200,000 women in over 975 chapters in the United States and several other countries. Women may join through undergraduate chapters at a college or university or through a graduate chapter after acquiring a college degree.

After the organization's establishment over a century ago, Alpha Kappa Alpha has helped to improve social and economic conditions through community service programs. Members have improved education through independent initiatives, contributed to community-building by creating programs and associations, such as the Mississippi Health Clinic, and influenced federal legislation by Congressional lobbying through the National Non-Partisan Lobby on Civil and Democratic Rights. The sorority works with communities through service initiatives and progressive programs relating to education, family, health, and business.



Alpha Phi

Nickname: APhi

Colors: Silver and Bordeaux

National Founding Date: 1872

Local Founding Date: 1990

Annual events/philanthropies: Alpha Traz, Cardiac Care Week, Valentine's Banquet

National Philanthropy: Alpha Phi Foundation

Website: <http://www.sa.rochester.edu/aphi/>

Residence: Munro2

Motto: Union Hand in Hand

**We are dedicated to promoting sisterhood, cultivating leadership,
encouraging intellectual curiosity and advocating service.
Alpha Phi develops character for a lifetime.**

The national objectives of our Fraternity are the promotion of growth in character, sisterly affection, and social communion among our members. We believe ourselves to be sincere searchers of truth. We seek the highest ideals of womanhood by cultivating the power of and passion for intellectual development, as well as the promotion of service and charity. We are united under a solemn pledge to lend a helping hand to others and guide one another in a spirit of love.

Alpha Phi annually hosts two campus-wide philanthropy events, Alpha Traz and Cardiac Care Week. The proceeds from these events benefit the Alpha Phi Foundation, which largely supports efforts in improving women's heart health.

Since its establishment on the University of Rochester campus, the Theta Kappa chapter of Alpha Phi has been a home and source of comfort for a diverse group of women who unconditionally support one another. Fostering lifetime friendships and connections that extend well beyond the undergraduate experience, this chapter provides its members with a network of women who are honest, fun, loving and loyal.





Chi Omega

Nickname: Chi O

Colors: Cardinal and Straw

National Founding Date: April 5, 1895

Local Founding Date: New chapter colonizing Fall 2010

National Philanthropy: Make-A-Wish Foundation

Website: <http://www.chiomega.com/>, www.nm.chiomega.com

Chi Omega is the largest women's fraternal organization in the world with more than 300,000 initiates and 171 collegiate chapters.

For more than 115 years, Chi Omega has nurtured its members, one woman at a time, with unique opportunities in leadership, scholarship, service, and lifelong friendship. Chi Omega is a wise investment for worthy purposes and good fun. It is a positive catalyst in the lives of young women, which prepares them for leadership roles during college and beyond. On campus and off, Chi Omegas flourish!

Guiding our members are the principles woven throughout the Chi Omega Symphony. The words found in this creed exemplify the goals to which Chi Omegas aspire.

To live constantly above snobbery of word or deed; To place scholarship before social obligations and character before appearances; To be, in the best sense, democratic rather than exclusive, and lovable rather than popular; To work earnestly, to speak kindly, to act sincerely, to choose thoughtfully that course which occasion and conscience demand; To be womanly always; To be discouraged never; In a word, to be loyal under any and all circumstances to my Fraternity and her highest teachings and to have her welfare ever at heart that she may be a symphony of high purpose and helpfulness in which there is no discordant note. - Ethel Switzer Howard, Xi Chapter 1904





Delta Gamma

Nickname: DG

Colors: Bronze, Pink, Blue

National Founding Date: 1873

Local Founding Date: 1987

Annual events/philanthropies: Anchor Slam, Anchor Spike, Shipwrecked, Wish Party, and shopping trips with local residents with visual impairments

National Philanthropy: Service for Sight

Motto: Do Good

Website: www.sa.rochester.edu/deltagamaur

Residence: Fairchild 2

First fraternity in the United States to establish its own philanthropic foundation (Service for Sight).

The Zeta Delta chapter of Delta Gamma is a diverse group of women who are committed to creating a strong college experience and community for those both in our chapter and in the greater campus community. We do this by committing ourselves to the high ideals of friendship, working to promote our educational and cultural interests, instilling a true sense of social responsibility within each member, and developing the best qualities of character for each woman in the chapter.

We became a member of Delta Gamma national in 1987. Since 1936 our Philanthropy has been Service for Sight. The Zeta Delta Chapter of Rochester locally supports ABVI (Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired). Every year we hold two huge philanthropies for ABVI. During the Fall we hold Anchor Slam, a basketball tournament. During the Spring we hold our newest philanthropic event, Anchor Spike, a co-ed volleyball tournament.

Delta Gamma serves as a constant source of strength, advocacy, and comfort for its members. It facilitates the exchange of ideas and experiences between the sisters and the larger community. Most importantly, Delta Gamma serves as a home away from home for many of its members and offers unconditional support at all times.





Delta Phi Omega

Nickname: DPO

Colors: Red, Black, Silver

National Founding Date: December 6, 1998

National Philanthropy: Children's Education and Literacy

Website: <http://rochesterdpo.weebly.com>

Symbol: Bengal Tiger

Motto: We Dreamt, We Saw, We Conquered.

Delta Phi Omega is the largest and fastest-growing nationally based South Asian interest sorority in the United States with over 1,300 sisters in twelve chapters and twenty-four colonies. In 1998, seventeen different women realized that regardless of who they were, they had a similar goal. They Dreamt of the empowered woman and what impact she would have in the growing world. They Saw a future which held a strong place for women everywhere. And they set out to Conquer their goal of bringing together women who wanted to gain a bigger place in the world by raising awareness of their culture, ideals, and the morals that they were raised with. Setting out to improve themselves, they created a way for every woman to become empowered and independent and could be a part of a community of women who are undoubtedly Destined to Prevail against all Odds. This organization would unite women in the ideas of sisterhood, respect, loyalty, honesty, and friendship, values that would pave the way to a happy and successful life. They believed that the only way to surely succeed is by "sincerity of conviction and purity of motive." And under these morals, on December 6, 1998 those seventeen determined women founded what came to be the nation's strongest, largest, and fastest growing South Asian interest sorority.





Delta Sigma Theta

Nickname: DST or The Deltas **Colors:** Crimson, Crème

National Founding Date: January 13, 1913

Local Founding Date: April 7, 1984

Website: Deltasigmatheta.org

Motto: “Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom”

Annual events/philanthropies: Crimson & Crème Scholarship Ball, Sisterhood Week, Total Woman: Mind, Body & Spirit, Diabetes Walk, Home Away From Home Dinner, Image Awards, Ladies Sleepover & HIV/AIDS Testing

The first public act involved the member's participation in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington D.C., March 1913.

Delta Sigma Theta is a non-profit organization of college-educated women who provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. Founded at Howard University by twenty-two young women, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has grown into the largest African American Greek-lettered sorority with over 950 chapters around the world. Membership is open to any woman who meets the membership requirements, regardless of race, nationality, or religion.

The Pi Beta City Wide Chapter encompasses SUNY Brockport, The University of Rochester and Rochester Institute of Technology. This chapter has worked hard to continue the legacy that is Delta Sigma Theta by giving rise to educators, engineers, doctors and lawyers. Here at the U of R, we've made events like Wilson Day and clubs like the Charles Drew Society possible. We've recently received the U of R Fraternity and Sorority Affairs Outstanding Program Award for our newly implemented Total Woman 500lb Challenge, The Award for Promoting Business and Professionalism in Programming from the Minority Student Advisory Board, Advisor of the Year and the Award for Presidential Dedication and Service.

For more information on our upcoming events and involvement, please check out our Facebook Group, ΔΣΘ, IIB Chapter Continuing to Empower Communities Through Committed Service , at: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=70489800690





Gamma Phi Beta

Nickname: Gamma Phi

Residence: Fairchild 1

Colors: Brown, Mode

Local Colors: Pink, Brown

National Founding Date: November 11, 1874 at Syracuse

Local Founding Date: February 2, 1991

National Philanthropy: CampfireUSA

Annual events/philanthropies: Crescent Classic, Meliora Weekend Alumnae Tea, Breakfast with Santa and Easter Egg Hunt with Hillside Family of Agencies, Sisterhood Retreat, Semi-formal, Scholarship Banquet

Website: <http://www.sa.rochester.edu/gammaphibeta/>

Open Motto: "Founded upon a rock."

Tagline: Connect. Impact. Shine.

The word "sorority" was coined for Gamma Phi Beta.

Gamma Phi Beta fosters a nurturing environment that will provide young women the opportunity to achieve success through life-long commitment to intellectual growth, individual worth, and service to humanity. Founded in 1874, at Syracuse University, Gamma Phi Beta is one of the ten oldest women's organizations and the first women's society to be known as a sorority. Currently there are over 10,800 collegiate members and an interactive alumnae network. As one of twenty-six National Panhellenic sororities, and one of six represented on the University of Rochester's campus, we embrace the ideals common to all fraternities and sororities. Gamma Phi Beta is an International Sorority that emphasizes life-long commitment to the ideals of love, labor, learning, and loyalty.

At the University of Rochester, our members have the resources and tools to learn, grow, and become successfully prepared for life after college. Through the supportive community generated by members, our sisters form life-long friendships and create priceless memories while still furthering their individual accomplishments. Gamma Phi also complements the prestigious education available at the University. Our members are encouraged to develop and continue practicing effective study habits through a range of scholarship programs. Furthermore we not only work to raise money for CampfireUSA and Hillside Family of Agencies but also devote our time by volunteering with Hillside Children's Center. We always strive for excellence in every aspect of life: valuing stewardship, moral and ethical integrity, individuality, and leadership. Gamma Phi Beta acts as a supplement to the college experience, helping the young women of today transition into the successful women of tomorrow.





Kappa Delta

Nickname: KD

Colors: Olive green, pearl white

National Founding Date: October 23, 1897

Local Founding Date: April 21, 1979

Annual events/philanthropies: Shamrock 5K, International Women's Friendship Month, Charity Denim Jean Sale, International Girls' Day and other activities with local Girl Scout troops, Go Casual for Kids Campaign with Mt. Hope Family Center & SDT, Crush Party, Tie Party, Spring Fling

National Philanthropy: Prevent Child Abuse America, Girl Scouts of the USA, American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, The Children's Hospital of Richmond, VA

Website: www.sa.rochester.edu/kappadelta

Residence: Wilder 6

Motto: Let us strive for that which is honorable, beautiful and highest.

Awarded by both the University of Rochester and National Kappa Delta.

The Epsilon Rho chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority is comprised of unique women who value their education, leadership, and giving back to their community. Whether our members choose to take on leadership roles within the chapter or in other campus organizations, each one is a leader in her own right and adds to the diverse network of personalities and interests that make up our group. We are linked to hundreds of KD chapters and over 200,000 women throughout the nation that share the same values and national beliefs of friendship and sisterly love.

National Kappa Delta has the most alumnae chapters of all Panhellenic sororities and boasts such alumnae as Ellen Dow, the rapping Granny from The Wedding Singer, and Georgia O'Keeffe, famous artist. We are down-to-earth, interesting, social and fun-loving, and most importantly, we provide an infallible support network of love and friendship for each of our members. Kappa Delta provides its members with opportunities to become involved in hands-on philanthropy, exciting social events, and unforgettable bonding activities that create lifelong friendships.





Lambda Pi Chi

Nickname: Pi Chis **Motto:** La Hermandad Nunca Termina

National Founding Date: April 16, 1988

Local Founding Date: March 20, 1999

Colors: Red, Gold, Black, White **Mascot:** Butterfly

Website: <http://www.lambdapichi.org>, <http://www.rit.edu/sg/pichi/Welcome.html>

National Philanthropy: Project L.E.A.A.P. (Latinas Educating on Aids Awareness & Prevention), Proyecto H.A.C.E.R. (Hermanas Advancing Career and Educational Resources)

Annual events: La Cultura Latina, Fly Weekend, Week of Controversy, Pi Chi Week, Pi Chi Drop By, A Night By The Fire

The first Latina focused sorority founded at an Ivy-league institution, Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad / Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc. was established on April 16, 1988 at Cornell University. Patricia Rivera, Maria Caban, Eva Marie Sosa, Migdalia Franklin, and Irma Almirall-Padamsee, our sorority Founders, strove to establish an organization that would transcend their collegiate experience and consolidate their strength as responsible leaders of the community. The sorority Founders worked diligently to develop an organization whose mission and goals would encompass the experiences of all women, but especially Latinas.

Today, Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc. represents a tradition of strong, proud women whose lives and achievements reflect an unwavering commitment to public service, Hermandad, and the preservation of the rich cultural legacies that shape our experiences. Las Hermanas strive to promote progress and development in their communities. This stalwart commitment to nuestra comunidad frames our individual and collective goals. Comprised of undergraduate, professional and graduate women, Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc. seeks to unify women through the promotion of community service programs that highlight the contributions of women and people of color with an emphasis on the Latina and offer opportunities for academic and professional advancement to members of historically under-represented groups.





Omega Phi Beta

Nickname: Betas

Colors: Black, Forest Green, Gold

National Founding Date: March 15, 1989

Local Founding Date: December 17, 1994

Annual events/philanthropies: Chapter Cause: Youth Development, Annual Charity Flag Football Event: Beta Bowl, Annual Week of Illumination, St. Jude's Penny Drive, Domestic Violence Awareness Month

National Philanthropy: Raising Awareness of Violence Against Women

Website: www.OmegaPhiBeta.org

Motto: Serving and educating through our diversity. "Sirviendo y educando a través de nuestra diversidad."

Our national flower is the Sunflower and our mascot is the Hummingbird.

Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded on the campus of the University at Albany, SUNY, by 17 women of diverse backgrounds. We are an organization like no other, embracing all shades of women, with a strong focus on education, professionalism, service, and diversity. We are comprised of prominent collegiate and professional leaders, offering our members opportunities for personal development and success academically, professionally, and in all endeavors of their lives. We stand for the empowerment of all women and working together in unity to truly make our world a better place. All in all, we are a sisterhood with an intimate network of mutual support, serving as an outlet for positive self-expression and individual growth for our members.

The Eta Chapter of OPBSI was established in 1994 by Marianela Gonzalez and Eileen Miranda on the campus of SUNY Brockport. Realizing the need of positive role models for the youth within the city of Rochester, they chose Youth Development as our chapter cause. Since its founding, Eta Chapter has grown to include the Rochester Institute of Technology and the University of Rochester. Our chapter continues to dedicate itself to our cause and our sisterhood through various outlets. Almost 15 years later we have welcomed over 40 sisters into our chapter and dedicated hundreds of hours of service to the community. The women on all campuses of our chapter continue to uphold our mission, vision and goals through the numerous events that they develop and partake in throughout the city and college communities.





Phi Sigma Sigma

Nickname: Phi Sig

Colors: King Blue and Gold

National Founding Date: 1913

Local Founding Date: 1981

Website: <http://phisigsig01.tripod.com/id1.htm>

Residence: Kendrick 2

The women of Phi Sigma Sigma share a commitment to lifelong learning. We teach each other and learn from each other. We make academic achievement a priority, fostering an environment that encourages our membership to reach their highest potential.

Phi Sigma Sigmas value making a difference in the lives of others. Hence, they become leaders in their communities, their professions, and their sisterhood. Leadership through service comes naturally to our women as we cultivate personal growth by seeking opportunities to serve.

Phi Sigma Sigma is a dynamic sisterhood of women with different backgrounds but similar values. Our commitment to inclusiveness binds us, and results in stronger women who embrace individuality and share this philosophy with the world. We welcome women of all religious backgrounds, cultural beliefs and traditions. No member of Phi Sigma Sigma will ever have to feel uncomfortable participating in our rituals because they are non-sectarian, which encourages our members to embrace the unique qualities of each sister.

Our programming centers on Phi Sigma Sigma's core values. This concept guides members toward greater academic, personal, and professional growth and development during the collegiate years and as alumnae.





Sigma Delta Tau

Nickname: SDT

Residence: Wilder 4

Colors: Cafe au Lait, Old Blue

National Founding Date: March 25, 1917

Local Founding Date: 1978

National Philanthropy: Prevent Child Abuse America

Annual events/philanthropies: Mr U of R, U of R Dance Marathon

Website: <http://www.sa.rochester.edu/sdt>

Motto: Patriae Multae Spes Una - "One hope of many people"

First panhellenic sorority on the University of Rochester campus.

Sigma Delta Tau promotes academic achievement by encouraging each individual member to reach her fullest potential by providing intellectual opportunities. SDT begins academic programming immediately with the National New Member Program. Six pearls and a diamond on SDT's National Torch badge represent the seven areas of sorority education. The diamond is designated for scholarship, as academic achievement is Sigma Delta Tau's number one priority. SDT is dedicated to helping each member succeed academically through scholarship programming, recognition incentives, and mentoring opportunities.

Sigma Delta Tau sisters develop leadership talents through hands-on experience in a variety of fields. Through chairing a project, leading an intramural team, holding an executive board office, or creating a fund raising campaign, SDT provides a solid training ground for young women to develop and hone their skill set that will be easily transferable to the workplace. Sisters learn to handle conflict resolution, manage multiple projects, practice public speaking, develop marketing strategies and run a chapter meeting.

Sigma Delta Tau is actively involved in the support of SDT's National Philanthropy, Prevent Child Abuse America. From educational awareness programs, to community service projects, to fundraising activities, each chapter creatively donates their time, energy and money to assist the National Headquarters of PCAA or local agencies like Mt. Hope Family Center. Giving one's personal time and talents to a worthy cause is rewarded with a sense of personal fulfillment and satisfaction; the act of giving to others is often a life-time joy.





Sigma Lambda Upsilon

Nickname: Señoritas or Sigma Lambdas or S.L.U.

Colors: Red, Black, Silver and Gold

National Founding Date: December 1, 1987

Local Founding Date: April 14, 2002

Annual events/philanthropies: Bowling for Books, Code Red, Sigma Lambda Service Week, Raices Week, Noche de Fuego Benefit Banquet

National Philanthropy: “Literacy: EMPOWERMENT, One Word at a Time.”

Website: www.sigmalambdaupsilon.org

Motto: “Hasta La Muerte”

Sorority History – On December 1, 1987 at Binghamton University, Founding Mothers Cynthia Santiago-Guzman, Adriana Zamora-Tirado, Carmen Ibeth Garcia-Quinones and Carol Elizabeth Torres created an organization that would not only serve as a voice for women in an academic setting, but would also provide sincere sisterhood and unconditional support while actively promoting academic achievement, service to the community, and cultural enrichment. Over a decade and more than 50 campuses later, the Hermanas of Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority Inc. continue the legacy of our Founders’ vision by effectively bridging the gap between the Latino community and the campuses we represent. Today, more than two decades later, our goals and ideals continue to be exemplified by our Hermanas: Sisterhood, Leadership, Community Service, Cultural Awareness and Academic Excellence.

Chapter History – On April 14, 2002 four dedicated young women founded the Psi Chapter. The founders are Denishea Flanigan, Victoria McEachin, Alleah Clarke, and Christine Morillo. These young women felt the need of bringing an organization to their various campuses that would encompass and represent their goals and ideals. They searched for such an organization and one day came across Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc. After meeting the Hermanas of Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc. they knew that they had found the organization that would help them fulfill their goals and ideals. These women were students at 2 different campuses, therefore establishing Psi Chapter as a City Chapter. The Psi Chapter of Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc. is the first and only Latina based Sorority to have members in all four campuses in Rochester, New York.





Sigma Psi Zeta

Nickname: Sigma Psi Zeta **Colors:** Red & Gold

National Founding Date: March 23, 1994

Local Founding Date: December 1, 2000

Annual events/philanthropies: Bone Marrow Drive, Domestic Violence Awareness Week, Purple Ribbon Campaign, and Founders' Week

National Philanthropy: To Combat Violence Against Women

Website: www.sa.rochester.edu/syz

The fundamental goal of Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority is to promote awareness of the myriad Asian/Asian-American cultures. Our sorority addresses this issue through leadership, outreach, individual and community interaction, and most importantly, the bonds of sisterhood. The sorority also promotes development among its members, the students and the faculty at each of the campuses we represent. In order to achieve this goal, we partake in political, social, educational, and cultural activities. Each effort improves our environment and instills within our sisters experiences that will follow them long after they've graduated. Through a network of like-minded yet highly individualistic women, the sorority lends structure and support to sorors that share this Sigma vision. In addition, we work in collaboration with other Greek and non-Greek organizations to provide services for the local communities and the community at large. It is through our various participations in these cultural events, educational workshops, and philanthropic support that we make a difference.

The Iota Charter of Sigma Psi Zeta was established by Wincheng Lin and Jeanette Moy on December 1, 2000. These women, united by their desire to affect change on their campus and the surrounding communities, create a lasting sisterhood, and promote unity among women and those of the Asian/Asian American community, set forth to bring a charter of Sigma Psi Zeta to their campus in the Spring, 1999.





Zeta Phi Beta

Nickname: Zetas

National Founding Date: January 16, 1920

Local Founding Date: April 26, 1982

Website: <http://www.sa.rochester.edu/zetaphibeta/>

Chapter Motto: Chi Lambda Committed to Excellence

Chapter Mission: A sisterhood of young women endeavoring to promote academia, accomplishment, altruism and leadership through serving the needs of the collegiate populations and surrounding communities.

Constantly endeavoring to transcend the status quo, the Chi Lambda Chapter through its innovative and enthused membership has put forth a plethora of community service ventures and informative, diverse campus programming.

To meet the evolving needs of the contemporary campus we delve into issues to empower the current student body focusing on areas in health, education, cross cultural discussions, and politics. Consequently, Chi Lambda has become an award winning chapter, garnering recognition and accolades from our Regional, State and Local bodies as well as the respective campuses we serve.

A community-conscious, action-oriented organization, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was founded on the simple belief that sorority elitism and socializing should not overshadow the real mission for progressive organizations - to address societal mores, ills, prejudices, poverty, and health concerns of the day. It was the ideal of the Founders that the Sorority would reach college women in all parts of the country who were sorority minded and desired to follow the founding principles of the organization. Founder Viola Tyler was often quoted to say "[In the ideal collegiate situation] there is a Zeta in a girl regardless of race, creed, or color, who has high standards and principles, a good scholarly average and an active interest in all things that she undertakes to accomplish."



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for Fraternities & Sororities

ACTIVE: A member who has been initiated into lifelong fraternity or sorority membership and is active at the collegiate level.

ADVOCATE: The Fraternity/Sorority Advocates are faculty and staff members from various areas of the College that play a vital role in establishing a positive and healthy relationship between the College and its individual fraternities and sororities. They serve as a coach, advisor, referral source, and mentor with particular attention paid to supporting a chapter's Expectations for Excellence.

ALUMNI ADVISOR: Similar responsibilities as the advocate, but an Alumni of the organization he or she oversees.

BID: A formal invitation to join a fraternity or sorority.

BIG: Short for "big sister" or "big brother"; an active member who serves as a mentor for newer members.

CHAPTER: A local group of the larger national organization.

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

COLONY: status of a new chapter before installation

INITIATION: The formal ceremony that brings a new member into full fraternity and sorority membership. Each chapter has a different set of requirements that must be met in order to be initiated.

NEW MEMBER PROGRAM: The period of learning about fraternity and sorority life prior to initiation. In addition to learning the history of the organization, new members may attend presentations on topics such as study skills, acquaintance rape, substance abuse, and other important issues.

RITUAL: The traditional ceremonies of the chapter.

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Ι	Iota
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Λ	Lambda
Μ	Mu
Ν	Nu
Ξ	Xi
Ο	Omicron
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