

# 2017 Panhellenic Council Formal Recruitment Breakdown

## **Formal Recruitment**

Each round of recruitment is designed to help you and sorority members acquaint yourselves with each other. Each sorority is set up in their own room on campus, the rounds are structured as parties so sorority women and potential new members will have the chance to interact and get to know each other. If you go through the process of Formal Recruitment you will have the opportunity to talk one-on-one with sorority members, which allows the opportunity to ask questions and gain insights about each sorority. Each night of recruitment is themed around the topic of conversation that sorority women will present about in their room, which provides information about each sorority's activities, events and values. Membership selection through formal recruitment is a mutual decision between the women who goes through recruitment, and the sorority. Both you and sorority members are active participants and you both must consider several factors when deciding invitations.

## **Panhellenic Life Informational (August 23 & August 31, 2017)**

This is an informational that will address the many concerns that come to mind when thinking about joining a sorority. Topics will include a brief overview of the three Panhellenic sororities here on campus, academics, finances, as well as common misconceptions. Numerous women interested in going Greek only know what they have seen in movies, and this informational is going to be held in order to answer any and all questions. There are many options available in regards to financing dues, time management, and still maintaining membership in a sorority. We will also be discussing tips for success and how many women in the Greek community are successful, familiar faces on campus. We want you to feel confident and comfortable when considering joining a sorority, and encourage you to attend one of these informationals to have any doubts addressed!

## **Meet your Rho Gamma (PF) (September 6, 2017)**

This event serves as an orientation for all the Potential New Members participating in formal recruitment. During this meeting, all women who have signed up for recruitment will be given all the details you will need throughout the rest of the week. You will also be able to meet and interact with your assigned Rho Gamma, which is a current sorority woman who has temporarily disassociated from her sorority in order to be a counselor for you and all women going through recruitment. You will be going through this exciting experience with other women assigned to the same Rho Gamma for recruitment. Groups are created alphabetically based on last names. This is an excellent opportunity for you to make new friends while going through the recruitment process, as well as form a relationship with your Rho Gamma. Your Rho Gamma is your recruitment guide and is there to help you *every* step of the way!

## **Sorority 101 (September 7, 2017)**

The first night of recruitment is an event where you will attend separate rounds/parties for all three of the organizations. Your Rho Gamma will walk with your group to each room on campus where the respective sororities are holding their rounds. You will meet sorority

women who share the responsibilities and benefits of being a part of sorority life. Here, you will begin to learn how each sorority is unique. On this night and any future ones, you should ask the questions about sorority life, scholarship, financial requirements, and leadership opportunities for each organization. At the end of this night you will meet with your Rho Gamma to process the evening.

***Dress attire for the first round is: Casual; jeans, PC Recruitment Shirt, and comfortable shoes.***

### **Values and Traditions (September 8, 2017)**

In the second round you could attend up to 3 rounds/parties (and in some cases less). This round focuses on each sorority's national and/or local philanthropy, their financial obligations, values and traditions. During the round, you will get the opportunity to talk to several members of the sorority to gain further insight and understanding about sorority life so you will become more familiar with each sorority beyond their colors. At the end of this night the women will have the opportunity to rank their choices. All ranking will be done in the Office of Campus Life & Student Engagement. It is important on this night to begin determining which sororities you prefer, for the following night which is the final voting night.

***Dress attire for the second round is: Business casual; pants/shirt/dress, and comfortable shoes.***

### **Preference Night (September 9, 2017)**

Preference round marks the end of the formal recruitment rounds. You may be invited back to a maximum of two rounds which indicates a sorority's strong interest in you as a future member. During the preference round/party you will participate in a formal ceremony with the sorority members. Each sorority's ceremony reflects the ideals and values held in high esteem by its members. You will hear from current members the impact the chapter has had on their collegiate experience. You will also speak with the sorority members one-on-one, usually someone who you really connected with over past few days. You are encouraged to speak with your Rho Gamma about your experiences as you try to figure out where you can see yourself in the future. We highly suggest that maximizes your options by ranking the organizations available to you. Each chapter can extend bids up to quota regardless of their current size at the beginning of the process. Think about your experiences and go with your heart and instinct! After preference night is over, you will rank your available choices (you can rank your choices immediately following your round/party in the Office of Campus Life & Student Engagement. Once you hit enter on the computer – you have accepted your bid for the following day.

***Dress attire for preference: Formal; cocktail dress.***

### **Bid Day (September 10, 2017)**

Bid Day is an exciting day you to meet your new sorority sisters. Your Rho Gammas distribute your official paper bid individually that morning and you will go to the assigned area to pick up your bid day shirt for the revelation ceremony. After revelation, the PNM meet their new sisters. Each sorority has a fun-filled evening activity planned for the chapter and the new sisters. Remember that all activities 24 hours after revelation are Alcohol-Free.

***Dress attire for Bid Day is: Casual; shorts (possibly a bathing suit) and comfortable shoes. Most important is a zip up jacket for your reveal to the sorority members.***

**New Member Period (Fall 2017)**

The New Member Period is the period of time between when you join your sorority and their official initiation. Sororities take advantage of this time and use it as a new member education period; here you will learn about the history of their chapter, inter/national organization, and other Greek organizations as well as the opportunities for leadership on campus. Building friendships and getting to know your new sisters and fellow new members is the best part of this process. This is accomplished through special events and functions including service, social, scholastic, and sisterhood events throughout 6-8 weeks. The new member period teaches you about responsibilities, benefits, and values of being a sister as you begin to understand and experience the unique bond that exists in your chapter. Everything during your new member period is to help create and strengthen that bond among the chapter and its members.