I am pleased that you have chosen to attend Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU). This is an exciting time for you, entering college, making new friends, choosing a major. Another important decision you have to make is whether to join a Greek letter organization. The challenges and rewards of college life can be enhanced through the fraternity or sorority experience, especially on a commuter campus like NEIU.

So what is Greek Life? It’s hard to define something so meaningful. Members of the Greek system are dedicated to scholarship, leadership, community service, and fellowship which all combine to enhance your college experience. Being a member of a fraternity or sorority is a great way to become involved in the campus community.

The current Greek system of NEIU consists of 14 Greek chapters and several interests groups. This includes both national and local organizations. Each organization is centered around distinguishable principles and ideals. Look for the one that fits with your ideals and beliefs. Ask members questions about their organizations or the Greek system in general.

If you are interested in starting a chapter that is not currently here, please contact the Greek Expansion Coordinator at greekexpansion@gmail.com for assistance.

If you have questions that are not answered within this booklet, you may contact me at 773-442-4667 or email v-rodriguez9@neiu.edu You can also check out the Greek Life tab at www.neiu.edu/sld

I look forward to assisting you in any way possible! Good luck with your academic career and welcome to NEIU!

Sincerely,

Veronica Rodriguez
Director
Office of Student Leadership Development

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WHAT CAN GREEK LIFE DO FOR YOU?

LEADERSHIP

True leadership comes from experience. As a member of a Greek organization you’ll find tremendous opportunities that will give you the experience to become an effective leader.

Fraternities and Sororities are self governing, and give members numerous leadership possibilities. Greek Life offers leadership training programs both campus wide and through individual chapters.

Members:
• serve as chapter officers and on United Greek Council
• lead and get involved as members of non-Greek campus activities such as the Student Government Association, Peer Mentors & the Northeastern Programming Board (NPB)
• participate in training retreats
• apply campus leadership skills to the real world

SCHOLARSHIP

NEIU’s Greek community is built on strong academic standards. Members expect a lot of themselves and each other. They work together and pride themselves on academic excellence.

Chapters provide:
• group study sessions and study partners
• GPA requirements for joining as well as maintaining good standing in the organization
• faculty advisors offer support and advising expertise
• rewards and recognition for members with high GPAs
SERVICE

In NEIU’s Greek Community, service to others and the community is part of everyday life. Our fraternities and sororities are generous fundraisers and service providers. These groups annually give thousands of dollars and service hours to local and national charities.

At NEIU, students in Greek Life will:
- volunteer at schools, mentor and tutor children, host blood drives, and various other service projects
- organize dozens of chapter events to raise money and educate the campus
- be expected to complete required service hours
- promote education on topics such as AIDS awareness, body image, domestic violence, poverty, and other issues affecting the campus and the world

BROTHERHOOD & SISTERHOOD

The brotherhood and sisterhood of Greek life is truly a “family” experience. It offers you the security and happiness that’s part of the brother/sister bond. This is especially important on a commuter campus where you can feel lost in a large sea of people. While you don’t have to limit your social life to Greek activities, you will find many opportunities to meet and interact with your chapter, other fraternities and sororities and other campus organizations.

At NEIU, Greeks enjoy:
- formal dinner dances
- awards banquets
- alumni get togethers
- Greek Week
- Greek retreats
- mixers and social events
- national and regional conferences
Sororities

Alpha Kappa Alpha (A K A)

Contact: Ahriel Mullings
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Website: www.prettypinuaka.com

National Founding: January 15, 1908
Founding chapter: Howard University
Colors: Salmon Pink and Apple Green
Motto: “By Merit and By Culture”
Gamma Phi Omega

Contact: Brenda Bedolla
Email: neiugphio@yahoo.com
Website: www.gammaphiomega.org
National Founding: April 17, 1991
Founding chapter: Indiana University
Colors: Maroon and Navy
Motto: “Unity & Sisterhood, Now & Forever, One and Inseparable”
Delta Tau Lambda

Contact: Vanessa Rodriguez

Email: dtl.neiu@gmail.com

Website: www.deltataulambda.org

National Founding: April 2, 1994

Founding chapter: University of Michigan

Colors: Brown and Gold always accented in cream

Motto: “Con Fuerza construiremos, con Honestidad creceremos, con Unidad nunca seremos Vencidas”

“Strength and Unity are the Key to Excellence”
Sororities

**Kappa Delta Chi**

**K Δ X**

**Contact:** Ayesha Bangee

**Email:** neiu.expansion@kappadeltachi.org

**Website:** www.kappadeltachi.org

**National Founding:** April 6, 1987

**Founding chapter:** Texas Tech University

**Colors:** Pink and Maroon

**Motto:** “Leading with integrity, united through service”
Sigma Gamma Rho

Contact: Patricia Behn-Wright
Email: SigmaGammaRho@neiu.edu
Website: www.sgrho1922.org

National Founding: November 12, 1922
Founding chapter: Butler University
Colors: Royal Blue and Gold

Motto: “Greater Service, Greater Progress”
Theta Chi Omega
Θ X Ω

Contact: Rayna Bolanos
Email: neiuthetas.betachapter@gmail.com
Website: www.thetachiomeganational.com
National Founding: October 8, 1999
Founding chapter: University of Texas Arlington
Colors: Navy Blue and Ivory
Motto: “Strength Through Unity, Love Through Individuality”
Sigma Lambda Gamma

Contact: Leticia Hernandez
Email: neiugammasslg@gmail.com
Website: www.sigmalambdagamma.com
National Founding: April 9, 1990
Founding chapter: University of Iowa
Colors: Shocking Pink and Majestic Purple
Motto: “Culture is Pride, Pride is Success”
Omega Phi Beta

Contact: Adriana Mata
Email: BetaIota@OmegaPhiBeta.org
Website: www.omegaphibeta.org
National Founding: March 15, 1989
Founding chapter: State University of New York Albany
Colors: Black, Forest Green and Gold
Motto: “Sirviendo y Educando a Traves de Nuestra Diversidad/Serving and Educating Through Our Diversity”
Iota Phi Theta

Contact: Terry Buck
Email: tbuck87@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.iotaphitheta.org
National Founding: September 19, 1963
Founding chapter: Morgan State University
Colors: Charcoal Brown and Gilded Gold
Motto: “Building A Tradition, Not Resting Upon One”
FRATERNITIES

Phi Iota Alpha

Contact: Oscar Ramirez

Email: Obed1931@gmail.com

Website: www.phiota.info

National Founding: December 26, 1931

Founding Chapter: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)

Colors: Red, White, Navy Blue, and Gold

Motto: “Semper Parati, Semper Juncti”
FRATERNITIES

**Omega Delta**

Contact: Cody Smith  
Email: Codysmith1992@gmail.com  
Website: Omegadelta.org  
National Founding: January 19, 1997  
Founding chapter: University of Illinois  
Urban-Champaign  
Colors: Navy and Beige  
Motto: “Building Brotherhood Through Professionalism”
Omega Delta Phi

Contact: Jeraun Pearson
Email: jeraun.pearson@yahoo.com
Website: www.omegadeltaphi.com
National Founding: November 25, 1987
Founding chapter: Texas Tech University
Colors: Scarlet Red and Silver
Motto: “Crescit Eundo It grows as it goes”
Alpha Psi Lambda

Contact: Edgar Torres
Email: Etorre20@neiu.edu
Website: Alphapsilambda.net
National Founding: February 11, 1985
Founding chapter: The Ohio State University
Colors: Gold and White
Motto: “Together we shall seek the Noblest”
Theta Pi Sigma
Θ Π Σ

Contact: Martha Lopez
Email: thetapisigma2005@gmail.com
Website: thetapisigma.org
National Founding: May 2005
Founding chapter: University of California Santa Cruz
Colors: Sky Blue and Charcoal Gray
Motto: “Death Before Conformity”
If I participate in recruitment, do I have to join?
No. Rush events and informationals are for seeing what Greek membership can offer you. Attending these events or signing an interest form does not commit you to joining any organization.

What if I only want to be in a certain sorority or fraternity?
Membership in a Greek chapter is more than wearing letters. It is giving your time and energy to the chapter, agreeing to abide by all the rules and regulations, and living up to high expectations. Don’t make a decision based on stereotypes and others’ opinions. Take the time to research all the organizations and find the one that fits you best.

Doesn’t membership in a fraternity or sorority take up a lot of time?
Membership requires anywhere from 2 - 10 hours a week. Whether it’s planning a community service project, social event or a regular weekly meeting, members have learned to manage their time wisely with other commitments. Most of our members have jobs off campus and have to balance their time between work, home, family, school and their chapter.

Does it cost a lot of money to join a fraternity or sorority?
When you become a member of a fraternity or sorority, you assume a financial obligation to the group. This obligation supports chapter activities and programs. Students should know all financial obligations before deciding to join. There is an initial cost for joining as well as annual dues.

Are there grade restrictions for joining a fraternity or sorority?
Yes. Academic excellence is an important part of Greek life. Most Greek organizations have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA in order to join, although some may have a higher or lower requirement. Also some do not accept first semester freshmen, allowing them to get used to college life and establish a solid GPA before joining. Ask each group what their requirements are so you are able to meet them when the time comes.

What if I want to join an organization that is not currently on campus?
If you are interested in bringing a new fraternity or sorority to NEIU you must contact the Greek Expansion Coordinator at greekexpansion@gmail.com. You should also contact the National Office of the organization to make sure they are interested in expanding to NEIU. The United Greek Council will have to approve the expansion before any type of formal recruitment can begin.
Outstanding Achievement 2015-2016
Each year Greek Life honors chapters and individuals who have been outstanding in several areas.

Individuals
Outstanding New Member - Cheyenne Farrell - Alpha Psi Lambda
Outstanding Greek Scholar - Nicholas Martinez - Omega Delta
Distinguished Service Award - Ricardo Gutierrez - Omega Delta
Heart and Soul - Genesis Martinez - Alpha Psi Lambda
Greek of the Year - Tomas Uriostegui - Phi Iota Alpha

Chapter
Commitment to Service - Omega Delta Phi
Commitment to Scholarship - Alpha Psi Lambda
Commitment to Leadership - Phi Iota Alpha
Chapter of the Year - Phi Iota Alpha

Good questions to ask Fraternity and Sorority members
Choosing a fraternity or sorority is an important decision that can change your life. Please do not take it lightly. This is a life long commitment and you should have as much information as possible before you choose. Here are some general questions that any members should be able to answer.

• Why did you join your organization?
• What is the time commitment for joining?
• What are the costs for both joining and yearly after that?
• What type of service projects do you do?
• What are some programs on campus?
• Will my grades suffer?
• How do you support academic excellence of your members?
• Do you do activities with other groups on campus?
• What is your organization’s mission or value statement?
• Do you encourage members to join other non Greek organizations?
• What leadership opportunities will be available to me?