



TEXAS STATE IFC RECRUITMENT

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DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

Hello and Welcome to Texas State University!

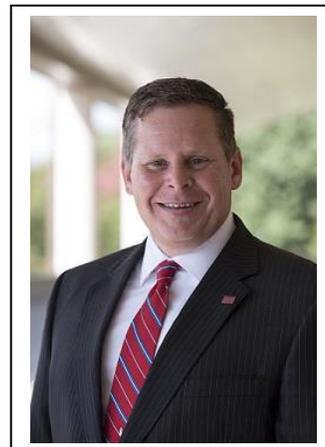
We are excited for you to join our fraternity and sorority community! Greek Life is a vibrant and important part of our campus. The administrators, faculty and staff members of Texas State University look to the members of our fraternity and sorority community as leaders among leaders. This distinction as leaders also comes with responsibility and accountability in all that we do. I challenge you to seek out leadership positions across our campus. I encourage you to consider membership in one of our outstanding fraternities and then pursue one of the hundreds of leadership positions offered within our own Greek community.

This is a great time to become a member of the fraternity and sorority community here at Texas State University! We are amid many positive changes to our community including new resources and staffing to support our fraternities and sororities as well as providing new opportunities for our student leaders to excel both within and outside of the classroom. As fraternity and sorority members we are charged with the responsibility of adapting to an ever-changing environment. We are challenged to design and redesign programs to meet the needs of the changing face of our local and global communities. We hope you will consider becoming a part of our outstanding fraternity and sorority community to be a part of the new leadership opportunities we are able to provide. We are seeking bright leaders to help develop and implement change and all that it entails for our community, because at one time “tradition” was a new idea. To quote former Senator Bob Dole: “The best way to cope with change is to help create it.”

We hope you will join us!

Bob Dudolski

Assistant Dean of Students



IFC PRESIDENT'S LETTER

On behalf of the Interfraternity Council, I would like to congratulate you on your decision to attend Texas State University and welcome you to the Bobcat family! There is no better place to spend your collegiate career than right here in the heart of Texas Hill Country. There is also no better time than now for you to become a part of the Greek family here at Texas State. We are at a pivotal point in our community and we need new leaders, new ideas, and new perspectives to continue advancing us to the best version of ourselves. In other words, we need people just like you.

Joining one of our 10 fraternity chapters will be one of the most fulfilling aspects of your college career. Membership opens the door to countless opportunities in leadership, personal development, and social connection. And not only are you joining the brotherhood of your local chapter, but you are also joining an organization that spans throughout the nation and unites its members in a common bond. Fraternity allows you to become a part of something much bigger than yourself for life, long after you graduate.

I'd like to personally thank you for showing interest in Greek life here and hope you make the leap to join us! If you have any questions about the community or simply adjusting to college life in general, please do not hesitate to reach out to me! I can be found in the IFC office on the 4th floor of LBJ or contact me via email at IFC@txstate.edu I hope to see you at the IFC recruitment events as you discover which chapter best fits you!

Eat 'em up!

Tomas Hernandez



GREEK LIFE TERMINOLOGY

Active/Initiate/Member - Someone who has completed their New Member period, the associate/new member education program, or the membership intake process, and has been introduced to the ritual of the organization through initiation or other means, and is fulfilling academic requirements within an organization.

Bid - A written formal invitation extended to a Potential New Member (PNM) to go through the educational process set by either the national, international, or local governing body of the respective organization.

Colony - A new/young organization that has not received a full charter from a national organization.

Educational Process - A program designed to educate New Members about the history and internal functions of the organization, as well as the members role within the community. The process is created by either the national, international, or local governing body of the respective organization.

Fraternity - An organization that is based on fraternal values of Brotherhood/Sisterhood, Leadership, Scholarship, and Philanthropy. Traditionally fraternities have male membership; however, some early women's organizations were referred to as "women's fraternities" and continue to do so to this day.

Fraternity Formal Recruitment - A mutually selective process in which men may be invited back to various recruitment events generally held at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters by the Interfraternity Council and its respective member organizations.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) - The governing body for traditional fraternities associated with Texas State University, some of which are associated with the North American Interfraternity Conference. Included among its main responsibilities are conducting formal membership recruitment in both the fall and spring semesters. IFC also operates the student judicial system for its member fraternities.

New Member/Pledge - Someone who has been offered and accepted a bid (invitation to join), is fulfilling academic requirements within the organization, studies fraternity/sorority information, and is assessed fees by the local and/or (inter)national organization.

Potential New Member (PNM) - A term referring to any person interested in joining a fraternity or sorority.

THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Texas State's IFC fraternities use a 365-recruitment model, allowing our fraternity chapters to recruit men all year long. The focus is based on building strong relationships before an invitation to join is extended to a potential member. The theory behind this is that we believe deciding to join a fraternity is a lifelong commitment, and you should not make this important decision under pressure. The more people you get to know through interaction on campus the better the chance you have of finding the fraternity with the best fit that you are looking for before making this lifetime commitment. All students must attend an orientation session to be eligible for a bid. Freshmen are eligible to receive a bid after September 16th, and upperclassmen can choose to affiliate with a chapter as soon as they have found the right fraternity for them. Freshmen must have a 2.7 high school GPA or higher, and continuing students must have a 2.5 collegiate GPA or higher in order to accept a bid.

You may receive invitations to join several fraternities, but only you can make the decision on the one that is best for you. Once you have the invitation or "bid", you have up to a year to accept that invitation. So, you should not be pressured into accepting the first "bid" you receive. Make a clear decision on how you feel about being a Lifetime Member of your chosen fraternity.

Once you have made your decision, you should communicate to the fraternity chapter that you have decided to accept their "bid" to join the fraternity. Then, ask your new brothers to escort you up to the Greek Affairs Office located in the LBJ Center, Room 4-14.1 to sign your "New Member Induction Form" that makes your "Bid Acceptance" official!

Have questions? Call or email the Greek Affairs Office at 512-245-5646 or email greek_affairs@txstate.edu

RECRUITMENT EVENTS

September 7th: IFC Tailgate, Bobcat Stadium

September 13th: BBQ, Sewell Park

October 17th: IFC Bowling Night, The SPOT

THE IFC'S CORE VALUES

- ❖ Honesty
- ❖ Loyalty
- ❖ Integrity
- ❖ Dignity
- ❖ Commitment
- ❖ Excellence
- ❖ Diligence
- ❖ Courage
- ❖ Respect
- ❖ Friendship
- ❖ Trust
- ❖ Scholarship

WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

Career Development

Joining a fraternity provides members with incredible opportunities to gain professional skills, such as career workshops, networking opportunities, career services, and resume builders. 85% of Fortune 500 executives are Greek affiliated!

Leadership Development

Whether it be an opportunity to take up a leadership role in one's own fraternity, or a position on the IFC executive board, joining a fraternity provides men with countless opportunities to gain firsthand leadership experience. Many fraternities also hold all expenses paid leadership conferences for their members!

Academic Success

Fraternity men consistently perform better academically than non-affiliated men, and Greeks also have a 20% higher graduation rate. Chapters provide members with resources to help them succeed in school, and many even offer scholarships for their members.

Lifelong Friendships

Friendships built by the bond of brotherhood last a lifetime. Many fraternities heavily involve their graduate members, proving that the friendships made in fraternities last long after college.

Stronger Connection to Texas State

Greek men are heavily involved on campus, and many hold leadership positions in other organizations, serve in student government, play varsity sports, and sit on the Texas State Honor Code Council.

FAQS

How do I join?

By going through recruitment and meeting as many fraternity men from as many different chapters as possible! We join people, not organizations, and the best strategy for a successful recruitment is to make friends and find the fraternity you feel at home with.

Who is the best fraternity, or “top house” on campus?

There is no real “top house” or best fraternity. All of our fraternities build onto our council and do good things for our community. The best fraternity is whichever chapter you fit in with the best!

Are fraternities just for partying?

Contrary to popular belief, fraternities do much more than just host social events. Our chapters perform countless hours of community service, donate hundreds of thousands of dollars to local and national philanthropies, and provide enriching experiences for their members.

How big is the time commitment?

Fraternity life can be as time intensive as a member wants it to be. The amount of time you devote to an organization depends on how involved you want to be, whether that means taking on a leadership position or playing on an intramural sports team.

What if my parents are against it?

The Fraternity and Sorority Life Office is happy to dispel any myths or rumors associated with Greek Life and provide your parents with information on our community. If you or your parents have any questions, feel free to call 512-245-1664 or email ifc@txstate.edu.

Will I be hazed?

Texas State, the IFC, and our member fraternities have a strict zero tolerance policy towards hazing. All reports of hazing are seriously and swiftly investigated by the university, and disciplinary action is taken against those who violate our hazing policy.

RECOGNIZED CHAPTERS

Texas State requires recognition from the university, a national headquarters, and a Greek Governing Council in order to be allowed to recruit new members on our campus. The following fraternities are recognized by the Greek Affairs Office and eligible to recruit new members for 2019–2020:

Alpha Sigma Phi

Delta Sigma Phi

Omega Delta Phi

Phi Gamma Delta

Phi Kappa Sigma

Pi Kappa Phi

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Sigma Chi

Sigma Nu

Theta Chi

ACADEMICS

When looking to join a fraternity we stress that your academics should always remain your number one priority, and Texas State gives you many resources to make sure you do just that. Our famous alumnus, President Lyndon B. Johnson, once said, “The noblest search is the search for excellence.” Every day that you are here at Texas State pursue excellence, because there is no greater reward than that of success.

	Fall 2018 GPA	Spring 2019 GPA
Alpha Sigma Phi	2.65	2.72
Delta Sigma Phi	2.94	2.88
Omega Delta Phi	2.34	2.59
Phi Gamma Delta	2.60	2.76
Phi Kappa Sigma	2.69	2.29
Pi Kappa Phi	2.28	2.77
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	2.72	2.81
Sigma Chi	2.58	2.50
Sigma Nu	2.54	2.66
Theta Chi	3.09	2.87
IFC Average	2.63	2.70
All Men’s Average	2.74	2.75
University Average	2.87	2.89

CHAPTER AWARDS

Dean of Students Excellence Award

Alpha Sigma Phi

Phi Gamma Delta (Honorable Mention)

Sigma Nu (Honorable Mention)

Excellence in Academic Achievement Award

Delta Sigma Phi

Theta Chi

Excellence in Community Involvement Award

Alpha Sigma Phi

Delta Sigma Phi

Theta Chi

Excellence in Serving the Community Award

Alpha Sigma Phi

Most Improved in Academic Excellence

Phi Gamma Delta

Excellence in Philanthropic Endeavors

Alpha Sigma Phi

Pi Kappa Phi

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Sigma Chi

Sigma Nu

Excellence in Membership Recruitment and Retention

Phi Gamma Delta

Pi Kappa Phi

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Sigma Nu



ALPHA SIGMA PHI ΑΣΦ

Nicknames: Alpha Sig	Founded: December 6, 1845	Number of Members: 51
Initiated Dues: \$650	New Member Dues: \$700	Chapter GPA: 2.72
President: Asher Rodgers	Recruitment Chair: Corey Cupples	
Email: acr125@txstate.edu	Phone: (304) 410-9862	

Alpha Sigma Phi at Texas State University is dedicated to being the fraternity of choice for men seeking the best of Greek Life, and the best version of themselves.

With a chapter size of 65 over our first semester we are still trying to grow in order to reach our charter numbers. We plan to host a few philanthropy events this semester that are new ideas and we hope they have success with the planning we've done over the summer. We take part in community service events like River Clean Ups and Bobcat Build, and plan to do some work with the humane society this fall.

Our mission is this: To Better the Man, through the creation and perpetuation of brotherhood founded upon the values of character: Silence, Charity, Purity, Honor, Patriotism.

We strive to excel in the classroom because that's what we're really here for after all. We're a group of guys who like to have a good time while making a difference in people's lives and in ourselves



DELTA SIGMA PHI $\Delta\Sigma\Phi$

Nicknames: Delta Sig	Founded: December 10, 1899	Number of Members: 61
Initiated Dues: \$650	New Member Dues: \$650	Chapter GPA: 2.88
President: Vincente Villarreal	Recruitment Chair: Braden Speer	
Email: vvv6@txstate.edu	Email: bcs86@txstate.edu	

Delta Sigma Phi strives to ever prove to the world the sincerity of our purpose through a mission of building a better man. Our goal is to build better men by emulating courage, action, and excellence.

The Theta Eta Chapter at Texas State University thrives upon leadership and service. Through vigorous involvement in Student Government, University Ambassadors, Orientation Leaders etc., we have proven to create involved leaders on campus. Our brotherhood builds a better connection by serving our university. With service projects such as Bobcat Build we have reached a sense of fraternity both on campus and in the local community. The brothers of Delta Sigma Phi have shown our dedication to excellence by growing as a brotherhood both socially and academically by attaining the highest GPA average on campus. We encourage potential members to consider that joining our brotherhood is a call-to-action, an ancient tradition, and a chance to matter.



OMEGA DELTA PHI ΩΔΦ

Nicknames: O.D. Phi	Founded: November 25, 1987	Number of Members: 20
Initiated Dues: \$400	New Member Dues: \$450	Chapter GPA: 2.59
President: Diego Herrera	Recruitment Chair: Andre Carreon	
Email: djh125@txstate.edu	Phone: (817) 938-0090	

The purpose of this Brotherhood, a Service/Social fraternity dedicated to the needs and concerns of the community, is and shall be to promote and maintain the traditional values of Unity, Honesty, Integrity, and Leadership. This Brotherhood was founded in order to provide, to ANY man, a diverse fraternal experience which coincides with a higher education.

Since its beginning in 1987, Omega Delta Phi has been an organization perpetually dedicated to the idea of constant growth and improvement. As such, we face the new challenges of tomorrow with a growing sense of optimism and newfound awareness that "good" will not be good enough.

We must work to form an organization which not only challenges the traditional perception of fraternities, but also one which deals with the issues of culture and race for a completely new perception of brotherhood. Thinking outside the box is no longer an acceptable plateau; the box must now be removed completely.

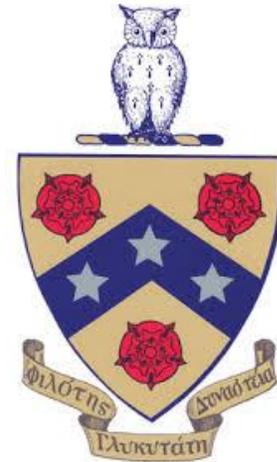


PHI GAMMA DELTA FIJI

Nicknames: Fiji, Phi Gam	Founded: May 1, 1848	Number of Members: 35
Initiated Dues: \$700	New Member Dues: \$350	Chapter GPA: 2.76
President: David Navarro	Recruitment Chair: Aaron Evans	
Email: d_n90@txstate.edu	Phone: (713) 302-8826	

Phi Gamma Delta was founded nationally at Jefferson College in Canonsburg, PA on May 1, 1848 and locally on October 17, 2017. Our values are Friendship, Knowledge, Service, Morality, and Excellence, and we strive to embody these values in our daily lives. Our mission is to Build Courageous Leaders through providing our members with opportunities to develop themselves as leaders, serve their community, and build strong and lasting friendships.

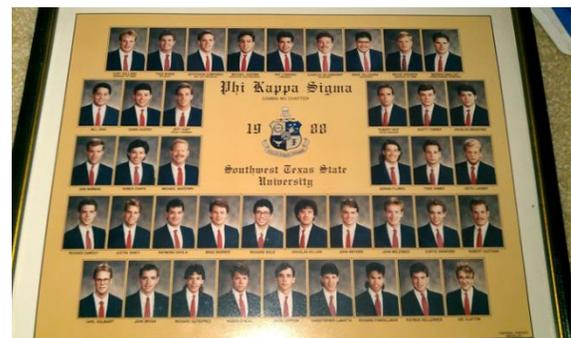
FIJI contributes to the betterment of the university and the overall community by serving on the operations team for Bobcat Build, participating in the Great Texas River Cleanup, hosting the annual Phi Gam Grand Slam benefitting the USO and the San Marcos River Cleanup, as well as hosting an annual philanthropy week benefitting the USO. Phi Gams are also heavily involved on campus, with numerous brothers serving in officer positions in several organizations on campus, including the IFC Executive Board.



PHI KAPPA SIGMA $\Phi\Kappa\Sigma$

Nicknames: Phi Kapp, Skulls	Founded: August 16, 1850	Number of Members: Recruiting Founders
Initiated Dues: \$650	New Member Dues: \$700	Chapter GPA: 2.29
President: Brett Goldberg	Recruitment Chair: Brandon Delgado	
Email: bcg49@txstate.edu	Phone: (832) 760-7737	

Phi Kappa Sigma is more than a club to join during college; it is an invaluable learning experience, a philosophy for living and a life-long commitment. Along with the Ritual, our purpose and principles state what our organization is and who we are as brothers of our fraternity. All brothers take an oath to uphold these ideals, and it is up to all to ensure that we, present and future, learn and understand what is required to incorporate being a true Phi Kap in our local chapters, schools, communities, and lives after graduation.



PI KAPPA PHI ΠΚΦ

Nicknames: Pi Kapp Founded: December 10, 1904 Number of Members: 33

Initiated Dues: \$600 New Member Dues: \$668 Chapter GPA: 2.77

President: Cody Fishback

Recruitment Chair: Matthew Lawyer

Email: crf86@txstate.edu

Phone: (512) 466-7978

Pi Kappa Phi was founded on the premise of creating leadership opportunities for our members. Our founders exemplified leadership in the classroom, on the athletic field, in campus politics and within the community of Charleston.

Leadership is the very root of our organization, and it is the concept of leadership that shall guide us to our future.

Our Mission is to create an uncommon and lifelong brotherhood that develops leaders and encourages service to others for the betterment of our communities.

Our Vision is to create a future where every Pi Kappa Phi embraces his role as a leader, puts service before self and improves the world around him.

Our Creed Values are Common
Loyalty, Personal Responsibility,
Achievement, Accountability,
Campus Involvement,
Responsible Citizenship, Lifelong
Commitment.



SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON ΣΑΕ

Nicknames: SAE	Founded: March 9, 1856	Number of Members: 80
Initiated Dues: \$800	New Member Dues: \$1000	Chapter GPA: 2.81
President: Kyler Hankins	Recruitment Chair: Cody Kohutec	
Email: kjh127@txstate.edu	Phone: (210) 475-1894	

As a Brother of Sigma Alpha Epsilon we pride ourselves on academic achievements, athletic dominance, campus involvement, and the values of "The True Gentleman". We have consistently held a GPA above the IFC average and are always trying to improve upon it with incentive scholarships.

We are four-time champs in both all-men's Greek and all-men's university intramural flag football. You can find a brother of SAE in nearly any campus (non-Greek) organization, as we strongly encourage participation outside of the fraternity to create more relationships.

Being a brother of Sigma Alpha Epsilon requires the knowledge and the ability to live each day as a True Gentleman. Most importantly as a brother of the oldest southern fraternity and the largest national fraternity, our main mission is to prepare ourselves for future success and build bonds that will last a lifetime.

Rush Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Be True.



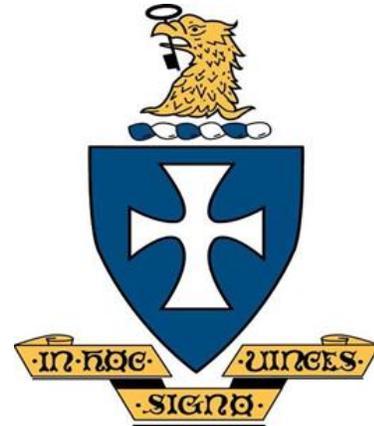
SIGMA CHI $\Sigma\chi$

Nicknames: Sigs	Founded: June 28, 1855	Number of Members: 53
Initiated Dues: \$600	New Member Dues: \$700	Chapter GPA: 2.50
President: Kyle Campbell	Recruitment Chair: Cole Scott	
Email: kmc248@txstate.edu	Phone: (214) 707-4642	

One, and the main, aim and object of Sigma Chi has been, and is, to develop and train broadminded men who can recognize the wholeness of things and who are not bound down to a contracted, eight-by-ten notion on exclusiveness. There is an absolute necessity for such men."

~Founder Benjamin P. Runkle, MIAMI (OHIO)
1857

Sigma Chi is a brotherhood with roots in the collegiate experience that stimulates a lifelong commitment to strive to achieve true friendship, equal justice and the fulfillment of learning as part of our overall responsibilities to the broader communities in which we live. The fundamental purpose of the Sigma Chi Fraternity is the cultivation, maintenance and accomplishment of the ideals of friendship, justice and learning within its membership. The Fraternity best serves that purpose by developing, implementing and monitoring programs that foster leadership, build character and promote positive relationship skills, which in turn enable its members to become productive and caring participants in their families, colleges and communities. Sigma Chi's core values are friendship, justice and learning. Our vision is to become the preeminent collegiate leadership development organization – aligned, focused and living our core values. Our mission is to develop values-based leaders committed to the betterment of character, campus and community.



SIGMA NU ΣΝ

Nicknames: Sig Nu	Founded: January 1869	Number of Members: 48
Initiated Dues: \$800	New Member Dues: \$600	Chapter GPA: 2.66
President: Jonathon Hudson	Recruitment Chair: Ryan Grider	
Email: jph87@txstate.edu	Phone: (346) 236-9890	

The Sigma Nu Fraternity, founded at the Virginia Military Institute in 1869, is one of the oldest Greek organizations in the nation. Sigma Nu's mission has always been to help develop ethical men who are leaders in their community and excel with integrity and honor. Here at Texas State, we are the Eta Tau chapter of Sigma Nu, the 157th chapter founded under the national charter. We have been established at Texas State University since 1966, making us one of the oldest chapters on campus. We are a chapter of men who wish to live a more involved life than our non-Greek peers. Sigma Nu members enjoy the benefits of a brotherhood of motivated individuals, thriving participation in social events with other fraternities and sororities on campus, as well as the opportunity to benefit our community through philanthropy and community service. We invite all men who aspire to make their time at university an extraordinary one.



THETA CHI

Nicknames: N/A	Founded: April 10, 1856	Number of Members: 20
Initiated Dues: \$700	New Member Dues: \$800	Chapter GPA: 2.87
President: Seth McNeil	Recruitment Chair: Cameron Melita	
Email: smm286@txstate.edu	Phone: (817) 412-9889	

Theta Chi was founded at Norwich University in 1856 to prevent hazing on the college campus and to help develop resolute men. In its 163 years, over 185,000 members have joined. The Iota Upsilon chapter of Theta Chi was chartered at Texas State University in 2014 and has initiated over 120 men. Theta Chi prides itself on *The Resolute Journey*. A pledge program designed to eliminate hazing and create a fulfilling experience for every member who joins Theta Chi. This program also kick starts a member's Resolute Man program, a program designed to challenge Theta Chi men to do more while in college in order to develop stronger personal and career skills.

The Iota Upsilon chapter has raised money and supplies for the USO, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, School Fuel, the Hays County Food Bank, and the the Hays-Caldwell Women's Shelter, while participating in river cleanups, Philanthropy Week, Greek Week, and Bobcat Build, along with so much more. Along with this, members of Theta Chi are asked to remain involved with their campus and be active in other organizations and events.

This past year Theta Chi received recognition for its excellence in community involvement and academic achievement. We are proud to have one of the highest GPAs for our active and new members of our community.

