**University of Arkansas**

**Greek Life Signature Programs & Other Educational Efforts for 2013-2015**

**Charles & Cappy Whiteside Greek Life Leadership Center**

**Walton Hall 101**

**Fayetteville, AR 72701**

**Our Mission**

**The Office of Greek Life will provide and create educational leadership opportunities through common fraternal principles as a way to actively engage and build exemplary Greek men and women for life.**

**Our Goals**

1. **Promoting academic achievement.**
2. **Advocating and actively promoting a diverse and inclusive community.**
3. **Developing and maintaining lasting internal and external relationships between the University, fraternal organizations, alumni, and the local community.**
4. **Intentionally promoting a strong, values-based and purpose-driven Greek community.**

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**\*Please Note: This plan does not include all chapter and council educational programming efforts.**

**For a complete review, please visit our all-inclusive Greek Calendar at** [**http://uagreeks.uark.edu/3234.php**](http://uagreeks.uark.edu/3234.php)**.**

**Month by Month Programming Educational Efforts**

**August 2013**

**Panhellenic Gamma Chi Training**, August 11-17~ This year, one hundred and eight (180) students were selected to serve in this position. Students will learn how to effectively listen to and counsel PNM’s, handle difficult situations, learn the formal recruitment process, etc. Collaborators include but are not limited to UA Department of Communication, National Panhellenic Conference, and the Walton College of Business.

**Social Event Registration & Risk Management Training**, August 29 and September 11~ To review policies as they relate to social functions, safe risk management practices including UA alcohol and drug policy and restrictive sanctions guidelines. University Police Department also shares their expectations and discusses trends as they relate to risky behaviors. Chapter advisor, presidents, and social chairs are required to attend.

**September 2013**

**NPHC Beauty Shop**, September 2 ~ This is a forum hosted by NPHC that focus on trends, issues, and the overall development of African American female students. There will be engaging and meaningful conversations regarding their own individual experiences and opinions on relevant issues facing their community and how to make a difference being a minority on a college campus. The women will also discuss political issues as the Voter Registration Act. There will be a reception to follow.

**NPHC Barbershop**, September 2 ~ Barbershop is a forum hosted by NPHC that allows collegiate men to discuss various trends and issues facing their community including but not limited to Voter Registration Act, Travyon Martin case, academic success, and much more. During this time, NPHC will invite any gentleman to stop by and engage in their conversation. They will also have professional barbers on hand to provide a haircut if desired to set the tone of being in an actual barbershop environment. Reception to follow.

**NPHC Leadership Gathering**, September 6 ~ The NPHC Leadership Gathering is a retreat-style meeting for chapter presidents and current NPHC executive board officers. There will be several guest speakers present, including past NPHC executive board officers and University alumni, to assist NPHC in conversations regarding unifying the council and what proactive measures may be taken to ensure NPHC is effectively advocating for its chapters.

**“Greek New Members Only: “Keeping It Real”,** September 16~ More than 85% of all our new members receive risk reduction tips as it relates to alcohol consumption, partying, alcohol poisoning, and safety tips to consider when attending social events. Collaborators include: the Health Center, University Housing, UAPD, Community Standards & Student Ethics, and No Woman Left Behind. This interactive program is sponsored by Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol.

**Coke Date Kick Off**, September 24~ The purpose of Coke Date Kick off is to create an environment to bridge the gap between councils and chapters for new members. This event gives new members their first opportunity to learn about our Greek community as a whole, including networking with all four Greek governing bodies. This event replaces Speed Greeking from years past.

**National Hazing Prevention Week**, September 23-27~ Throughout the week, Greek Life will engage in conversations about hazing prevention on campus. Events include a seminar with Mr. Dave Westol, a national speaker; a social norm campaign, a live band concert, and much more. This event is being co-sponsored by the Greek Life Leadership Center, Delta Delta Delta Sorority, and Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity.

**October 2013**

**Panhellenic Self Defense Event**, October 15**~** Greek women will learn safety techniques to help defend themselves when in difficult situations and/or circumstances. This event is co-sponsored with the University Police.

**Passport to Success, October 15~** This new program is sponsored by the New Greek Council in collaboration with the UA Career Development Center. This event focuses on career planning and development presentations along with interactive activities to aid preparation for life after college. This is a great opportunity for Greeks to network and make connections with the Career Development Center while enhancing their knowledge about topics such as job searching strategies, finding an internship, and forming personal branding statements. This past year, more than 536 students (primarily freshman) attended the event. This event was such a success that we offered it again to our juniors and seniors in February, 2013.

**Greek Getaway**, October 17-18~ This overnight new member retreat will be held at Camp Heart O’ Hills in Welling, Oklahoma. The weekend will consist of team building activities for new members such as leadership workshops and diversity sessions designed to build unity between various councils.

**National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week**, October 23-25~ Throughout this week, GAMMA will provide opportunities for Greek students to engage in discussions related to alcohol awareness to help promote a safer community, and for our chapters and members to make smart choices. Programming ideas include a social media campaign, Mock Tails, a drunk driving course with impaired goggles sponsored by UAPD, etc.

**January 2014**

**Greek Summit**, January 25~ Similar to this past spring, our primary focus will be to assist Greek leaders in gaining a better understanding regarding key topics such as chapter/council officer training, risk management and cultural acceptance, exposing them to community service opportunities, networking with other councils, practicing case studies, and creating opportunities for collaboration. Speakers will be selected in the fall.

**March 2014**

**Greek Men Leadership Institute (GMLI),** March 15~ This institute was created to build emerging fraternity leaders by setting goals and action plans to become an effective leader within self, chapter, and community to ensure a value based lifestyle. Throughout fall and spring semester, students meet in groups and attend various events across campus including RSO programs, sporting events, etc. The leadership academy will be on March 15 at the Alumni House with various speakers and education sessions. This past year, over 60 IFC freshmen and sophomores participated and 20 upperclassmen served as facilitators.

**April 2014**

**IFC Alcohol Summit**, April 2~ The summit is sponsored by The Interfraternity Council and Office of Greek Life. All chapter executive board officers as well as several emerging leaders from each chapter are required to attend. Over the years topic discussions included, but are not limited to, risky behaviors/consumption/attitude, preventive measures, safety & chapter responsibility, liability, etc. Similar to years past, several offices and departments and community agencies make this event a huge success including, but not limited to, UAPD, Pat Walker Health Center, prominent alumni leaders, and national officers. Planning typically begins in early spring and topics are chosen based upon current trends within our community and/or nationwide.

**Other Monthly Educational Programming/Events**

**Global Greeks**, Various Dates throughout the Year~ This initiative demonstrates a commitment to diversity by creating an inclusive environment by forming collaborative relationships with various student affairs departments as a way to connect international students to campus life programming organized by the University of Arkansas Greek community. Various events are planned throughout the year between partners along with the Greek Life Leadership Center and International Student Services office. The tentative Kick Off date is scheduled for September 25.

**Greek Panels**, Various Dates throughout the Year~ This forum provides an opportunity for the Greek community to come together and address relevant topics as well as provide each council with an opportunity to educate others about who they are both historically and at the University of Arkansas. These panels promote continuous education throughout the fraternity/sorority experience, as well as an opportunity to unify all four councils. This program is geared specifically for sophomores.

**Council of President Meetings (COP),** Will be held the 3rd Tuesday of Each Month

*\*Formally known as Tri Council\*~* Topics include, but are not limited to, departmental goals and priorities for 2013-14, new membership experiences, extension/expansion, Greek recruitment, budgeting issues and concerns, crisis management, and risk management concerns. All Greek governing councils and chapter presidents are required to attend. COP lasts no more than one hour.

**Council Executive Board Officer Retreat(s) including transition with outgoing officers,** Vary per Council~ Upcoming dates include the following:

December 2013 for Panhellenic & IFC

January 2014- IFC Council Leadership including chapter presidents

April 2014 for NPHC & UGC

**August 2014**

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**September 2014**

**Social Event Registration & Risk Management Training**, September 9 and 11~ To review policies as they relate to social functions, safe risk management practices including UA alcohol and drug policy and restrictive sanctions guidelines. Additionally educate students how to pick function themes that are not oppressive to people groups, or cultures different from their own. University Police Department also shares their expectations and discusses trends as they relate to risky behaviors The Office of Student Standards and Conduct shares pertinent policies such as the Medical Attention Exemption and Reporting Policy and bystander intervention techniques. Chapter advisor, presidents, and social chairs are required to attend.

**NPHC Beauty Shop**, September 3 ~ This is a forum hosted by NPHC that focus on trends, issues, and the overall development of African American female students. There will be engaging and meaningful conversations regarding their own individual experiences and opinions on relevant issues facing their community and how to make a difference being a minority on a college campus. The women will also discuss political issues as the Voter Registration Act. There will be a reception to follow.

**NPHC Barbershop**, September 3 ~ Barbershop is a forum hosted by NPHC that allows collegiate men to discuss various trends and issues facing their community including but not limited to Voter Registration Act, Travyon Martin case, academic success, and much more. During this time, NPHC will invite any gentleman to stop by and engage in their conversation. They will also have professional barbers on hand to provide a haircut if desired to set the tone of being in an actual barbershop environment. Reception to follow.

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**“Greek New Members Only: “Keeping It Real”,** September 16~ More than 85% of all our new members receive risk reduction tips as it relates to alcohol consumption, partying, alcohol poisoning, and safety tips to consider when attending social events. Collaborators include: the Health Center, University Housing, UAPD, Community Standards & Student Ethics, Eleanor Mann School of Nursing, and No Woman Left Behind. This interactive program is sponsored by Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol.

**Coke Date Kick Off**, September 25~ The purpose of Coke Date Kick off is to create an environment to bridge the gap between councils and chapters for new members. This event gives new members their first opportunity to learn about our Greek community as a whole, including networking with all four Greek governing bodies. For most new members this is the first time they are exposed the culture and traditions of greek councils outside of their own. This event replaces Speed Greeking from years past.

**October 2014**

**Culture Not a Costume,** October 8~ United Greek Council (UGC) hosted an educational program in the month of October; “We're a Culture, Not a Costume.” The program discussed the sensitive issue of cultural appropriation. UGC sought to educate the general student body and create an awareness of the diversity that is clearly growing at the University of Arkansas. The program included a presentation and panel discussion with audience involvement. The panel was comprised of faculty members and student leaders from various cultural organizations.

**Passport to Success,** October 14**~** This program is sponsored by the New Greek Council in collaboration with the UA Career Development Center. This event focuses on career planning and development presentations along with interactive activities to aid preparation for life after college. This is a great opportunity for Greeks to network and make connections with the Career Development Center while enhancing their knowledge about topics such as job searching strategies, finding an internship, and forming personal branding statements.

**Greek Getaway**, October 17-18~ This overnight new member retreat is held at Mount Sequoyah. The weekend will consist of team building activities for new members such as leadership workshops and diversity sessions designed to build unity between various councils. Participants explore diversity issues including self-awareness, race, gender, sexuality, socio-economic status and many more.

**Mock Tails**, October 23~ In recognition of National Colligate Alcohol Awareness Week GAMMA hosts Mock Tails. Mock Tails provides an opportunity for Greek students to engage in discussions related to alcohol awareness, to help promote a safer community, and for our chapters and members to make smart choices with alcohol.

**November 2014**

**Dancing with UGC,** November 12~ o United Greek Council hosted their first annual Latino Dance Competition “Bailando Por UGC.” Nine pairings consisting of different council organizations competed in the competition. The purpose of “Bailando Por UGC” was to educate the entire Greek community of Latino customs and cultures including dances such as Salsa, Bachata, and Merengue. We anticipated a crowd of about 300 attendees, yet we exceeded our expectations with over 600 audience members. There was a lot of positive feedback after this event, and planning for the second annual “Bailando Por UGC” is already underway.

**January 2015**

**Association of Fraternal Leaders and Values Central Conference (AFLV)-** January 29-February 1~ AFLV is attended by over 45 council officers and chapter presidents. AFLV provides the opportunity for students to interact with Greek Leaders from across the country. A majority of the weekend is spent attending keynote speakers and workshops on a wide arrange of topics include leadership, values, diversity, position specific topics, programing, and risk management just to name a few. Additionally nearly half of the delegation was on the stroll team. The stroll team placed 2nd in the national Unity Stroll Competition held at the conference. This conference plays and central role in developing unity among leaders in across all 4 councils.

**Greek Summit**, January 25~ Similar to this past spring, our primary focus will be to assist Greek leaders in gaining a better understanding regarding key topics such as chapter/council officer training, risk management and cultural acceptance, exposing them to community service opportunities, networking with other councils, practicing case studies, and creating opportunities for collaboration. For this program Greek Life partnered with The Office of Student Standards and Conduct, University Relations, Volunteer Action Center, Campuspeak,, Zeta Tau Alpha International Headquarters, Dean of Students, Office of Student Activities, and Office of Strengths Based Initiatives.

**March 2014**

**Greeks Give Day,** March 12~ Greeks Give Day is an opportunity for greek students give back to the campus and Northwest Arkansas community. Chapters pair up with groups from various councils participate in various activities throughout the day. These activities include tabling giveaways, wear your letters day, CANstruction, banner competition. The day wraps up with the Unity Stroll competition.

**Unity Stroll Competition,** March 12~ The stroll competition is co-sponsored by NPHC and Greek Life Facilitators. In the competition pairing representing 3-4 councils compete in a stroll competition. Pairings are coached by an NPHC chapter. Through the coaching and presentation during the show strollers and the audience are educated on the history and cultural significance of strolling with in the NPHC community.

**April 2015**

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**August 2015**

**Panhellenic Gamma Chi Training**, August 10-13~ This year, one hundred and twenty five (125) Panhellenic leaders were selected to serve in this position. Students will learn how to effectively listen to and counsel PNM’s, handle difficult situations, learn the formal recruitment process, etc. Collaborators include but are not limited to UA Department of Communication, National Panhellenic Conference, and the Walton College of Business.

**Interfraternity Council Rho Chi Training**, August 27~ This year, sixty five (65) fraternity leaders were selected to serve in this position. Students will learn how to effectively listen to and counsel PNM’s, handle difficult situations, and learn the formal recruitment process, etc. Collaborators include UA Multicultural Center.

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**November 2015**

**It’s On Us- Week of Action,** November 10-14~ This week long national campaign raise awareness through social media and education programing about sexual assault prevention and survivor support. Programs include and new member town hall, paint the campus teal, and a rally. Partners for this program include but are not limited to the NWA Center for Sexual Assault, Respect, STAR Central, University Legal, ASG, Greek Life Facilitators- Sexual Assault Prevention Project Committee, and Title IV Coordinator

**Greek Getaway**, November 15~ This one day new member retreat is held at John Brown University. The retreat consists of team building activities for new members such as leadership workshops and diversity sessions designed to build unity between various councils. Participants explore diversity issues including self-awareness, race, gender, sexuality, socio-economic status and many more.

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**Greek Panels/ New Member Program Series**, Various Dates throughout the Year~ This forum provides an opportunity for the Greek community to come together and address relevant topics as well as provide each council with an opportunity to educate others about who they are both historically and at the University of Arkansas. These panels promote continuous education throughout the fraternity/sorority experience, as well as an opportunity to unify all four councils. This program is geared specifically for freshman and sophomores. 2015 panel topics were about getting to know all of the different councils in the community

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