Dear Potential Florida Tech Sorority Member,

Congratulations on taking this first step to becoming a sorority woman at Florida Tech! This process is how many women on our campus have met their best friends and found their home away from home. We are so excited to be a part of this experience with you. We are always here to answer any questions you may have and help guide you in the direction that you see for yourself in the future. We have worked so hard to make this process as great as it can be for you and we hope you will give us a chance to help you find your support system here on campus. I hope this booklet can provide you with some information on what Greek Life at Florida Tech is all about. Remember to keep an open mind throughout the process and have a positive attitude as you meet with the women who are just as excited to meet you! Make sure to enjoy these next four years of your life, it goes by quickly!

Best Wishes!

Emily Dorsey
Panhellenic President
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Friday, August 18
Meet the Sororities and Information Night
Location: Skurla, Room 110
Time: 6:45 p.m.
Get to know the women in the sororities while getting a feel for what Greek Life at Florida Tech is all about.

Saturday, August 19
Philanthropy Night
Location: Skurla, Room 110
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Lean more about how each sorority helps the community and their national and international charities.

Sunday, August 20
Preferential Tea
Location: Greek Village club house, 1540 Skippers Way NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905 (rides will be provided by Pi Chi’s or you may use your own car)
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Get introduced to each sororities values through their respective rituals.

Sunday, August 20
Bid Day
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Celebrate the start of a new chapter in your life!
THE VALUE OF JOINING A GREEK ORGANIZATION

Leadership

One of the greatest benefits to joining a Greek organization is the amazing opportunity to become a leader in your organization and within the campus community. Greek students hold a majority of leadership roles on campus outside of Greek Life. Some of the many organizations Greeks hold leadership positions in include Student Government, Campus Activities Board, the Orientation Team and Residence Life, honor societies, etc.

Philanthropy

Greek organizations at Florida Tech pride themselves in the amount of campus and community service performed and philanthropy dollars raised. Each Greek organization has at least one large philanthropy project that is conducted each year. These projects range from a softball tournament to a food drive to a wall of prejudice to the Special Olympics and everything in between.

Brotherhood and Sisterhood

Brotherhood and sisterhood is the most profound aspect of Greek Life at Florida Tech. It forms bonds of lifelong friendship that are cultivated through chapter and interfraternal activities. During the new member process, these bonds are forged, and the true meaning of brotherhood and sisterhood is learned by the new members. One thing that is unique about Florida Tech Greek Life, which is not as prevalent at other campuses, is the interfraternal bonds between members of different organizations. It is this belief and understanding of one another that leads Greek Life at Florida Tech to be admired by campuses across the nation.
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Scholarship

The purpose of college is to receive a high-quality education. All of the Greek men and women at Florida Tech aspire to be the best possible students they can possibly be. All of the organizations offer many scholastic programs and wonderful scholarship opportunities. Please see below how important academics truly are to all Greek organizations.

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**Note this report is calculated based on chapter rosters provided by the chapter presidents and GPA’s provided by the registrar.

Greek Life members = 11.1% of all undergraduate student body
Fraternity members = 11.4% of male undergraduate student body
Sorority members = 10.5% of female undergraduate student body

Greek Life
ALPHA PHI DELTA LAMDA XIKA XI KAPPA EPSILON TAU KAPPA EPSILON at Florida Tech
Financial Obligations

At Florida Tech, each Greek organization determines its own dues based on individual chapter needs. Please familiarize yourself with what each chapter charges so you will not be surprised about your financial obligations after you join. Greek organizations do cost money, but it is an investment in your college career and future.

Please note:

• Most chapters offer payment plans for dues so you can pay in installments rather than paying all at once.

• Money should NEVER be the reason you feel you should not choose a certain organization. There is always a way!

• Please review each chapter carefully as each is different.

Fees

There are two different type of fees for a member of a Greek organization.

New Member Fee(s)—the new member fee(s) is a one-time payment for a member’s first semester in his/her chapter. This fee typically includes an initiation fee, your badge order, etc. The chapters have totaled the new member fees below to make sure you are aware of the total one-time amount you will be required to pay during your new member program.

Semester Dues—Each member pays a semester fee to the chapter. This money typically goes toward national dues, house corporation dues, social events, philanthropic activities and administrative costs. The chapters have broken down each semester of the academic year below.

Alpha Phi
New Member: $295
Fall: $332.45
Spring: $336
Summer: $0

Gamma Phi Beta
New Member: $115
Fall: $360
Spring: $360
Summer: $200 Out of House
$100 In House

Phi Sigma Sigma
New Member: $355
Fall: $449
Spring: $265
Summer: $0
Panhellenic Executive Board

Emily Dorsey
President

Sierra Melton
Executive Vice President

Nicole Telega
Vice President of Membership and Recruitment

Caleigh Covell
Vice President of Programming

Alex Wellington
Vice President of Scholarship

Zoe Southwick
Vice President of Records
Pi Chi

Each Pi Chi is a recruitment counselor who holds a leadership position within the College Panhellenic Association to positively promote sorority life to potential new members (PNMs) before, during and after the recruitment period.

Pi Chis work together as one unit and speak about all of the wonderful benefits of sorority membership to women who are unaffiliated with a sorority. They strive to increase interest and participation during recruitment. Pi Chis are neutral, meaning they are not focused on and are not directly affiliated with their specific chapters for a time frame that is identified within the College Panhellenic Association.

Pi Chis are an asset to PNMs. They are the point-people who build a secure relationship with a PNM as she looks to join a sorority on campus. Here are just a few Pi Chi responsibilities:

- Provide support and guidance to PNMs.
- Encourage PNMs to continue through the entire recruitment process.
- Stay positive, organized and always available.
- Understand the recruitment process, timeline and rules.

As a PNM, you should get to know your Pi Chi and feel comfortable going to her with any questions you may have about recruitment or sorority life. Remember: During recruitment, the Pi Chi is your best friend.

Aaliyah Thomas  Annika Sundquist  Tina DePietro
Potential New Member Bill of Rights

The right to be treated as an individual.

The right to be fully informed about the recruitment process.

The right to ask questions and receive true objective answers from recruitment counselors and members.

The right to be treated with respect.

The right to be treated as a capable and mature person without being patronized.

The right to ask how and why and receive straight answers.

The right to have and express opinions to recruitment counselors.

The right to have inviolable confidentiality when sharing information with recruitment counselors.

The right to make informed choices without undue pressure from others.

The right to be fully informed about the binding agreements implicit in the preference card signing.

The right to make one’s own choices and decisions and accept full responsibility for the results of those decisions.

The right to have a positive, safe, and enriching recruitment and new member experience.
What to Wear

The most important thing during all rounds is to make sure you feel comfortable. Be simply who you are and not who you think sororities would want you to be.

Night 1—Come as you are and wear something comfortable and casual.

Night 2—Show us your personality and wear something dressier for Night 2. Come in something you would wear to Sunday brunch.

Night 3—Wear something you would wear to a wedding. Pref events are more formal, so a nice dress, skirt or pants would be appropriate. You may choose to wear heels, but it’s not a requirement.
Panhellenic Creed

We, as Undergraduate Members of women’s fraternities, stand for good scholarship, for guarding of good health, for maintenance of fine standards, and for serving, to the best of our ability, our college community. Cooperation for furthering fraternity life, in harmony with its best possibilities, is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, as Fraternity Women, stand for service through the development of character inspired by the close contact and deep friendship of individual fraternity and Panhellenic life. The opportunity for wide and wise human service, through mutual respect and helpfulness, is the tenet by which we strive to live.

—Adopted by the National Panhellenic Conference

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Alpha Phi

**Founded:**
October 10, 1872

**Chapter:**
Theta Zeta

**Nickname:**
APhi

**Colors:**
Silver and Bordeaux

**Philanthropy:**
The Alpha Phi Foundation—Focusing on Women’s Heart Health

**Famous Alumni:**
Kimberly Williams-Paisley—famous actress, writer and director, Olivia Jordan—Miss USA 2015, Georgia Neese Gray—first woman treasurer of the U.S.

**New Member Period:**
6 Weeks

Chapter President:
Devon McMahon
dmcmahon2013@my.fit.edu

Vice President of Membership Recruitment: Heather Schacht
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Gamma Phi Beta

Founded:
November 11, 1874

Chapter:
Delta Sigma

Nickname:
Gamma Phi

Colors:
Light and Dark Brown

Philanthropy:
Girls on the Run

Famous Alumni:
Laurel Clark–astronaut, Jennifer Dunn–U.S. Congresswoman, Hope Summers–actress

New Member Period:
8 Weeks

Chapter President: Lucia Lopez, llopez2014@my.fit.edu
Membership Vice President: Taylor Treadwell, etreadwell2015@my.fit.edu
Phi Sigma Sigma

Founded:
November 26, 1913

Chapter:
Iota Eta

Nickname:
Phi Sig

Colors:
King Blue and Gold

National Philanthropy:
Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation, School and College Readiness

Local Philanthropy:
Operation Smile and the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life

Famous Alumni:
Nancy Pimental—screen writer and show host, Katie Cavuto—Food Network Star, Amy Diaz—Miss USA 2008 and Miss Earth USA 2009

New Member Period:
6 to 8 Weeks

Chapter President: Christina Marsan, cmarsan2013@my.fit.edu
Recruitment Chair: Cassie Petersen, cpetersen2016@my.fit.edu
Hey New Students!

Welcome new students and congratulations on becoming a Florida Tech panther! My name is Samara Neufeld, and I graduated from FIT this past May with a B.S. in Marine Biology and a minor in Sustainability. I will be continuing my education at the University of Miami for my Masters of Professional Science in Marine Conservation this fall. This past spring, and in my fourth year as a Greek Life member, I was honored to be named the 2017 Florida Tech Greek Goddess.

Being a Canadian, Greek life was never anything that crossed my mind. When I first entered school in the USA, I didn’t even know what a sorority was. With the promise of free food and meeting new people, I came out to fall recruitment my freshman year and since then I have never looked back. Going Greek helped my college experience in every way. I kept up with some of my soccer skills through intramural games and philanthropy tournaments, I was able to give back to the community through charity work, I developed my leadership skills by taking on numerous positions within my sorority, and I have made friendships that will last a lifetime.

At a small school like Florida Tech, our Greek community is so much different than the typical perception of Greek Life at giant schools. We are able to actually get to know each other beyond first impressions. We support each other in fun charity events and through hard times. We participate in intense competition, but are still friends at the end of the game. We build each other up while at the same time striving to give our all to our own organization. I’ve come to learn that in the Greek community, you get as much out of it as you give. Nothing comes easy but the rewards of working hard for your sorority or fraternity are outstanding.

Whether you are set on going Greek, not interested whatsoever, or unsure about it all, I encourage you to at least give recruitment a chance. You may be surprised at what Greek Life at Florida Tech has to offer. It just may be one of the greatest decisions of your college career.

Sincerely,

Samara Neufeld
The truth about Greek Life

All but 2 US Presidents since 1825 have been fraternity members.

All 11 of the Apollo astronauts were Greek.

According to a study of fraternity and sorority members, men who belong to a fraternity are 10% more likely to graduate.

Less than 2 percent of average college expenses go toward membership dues.

Less than 3% of Americans are Greek.

As undergraduates, Greeks raise approximately 7 million per year for charity.

Of North America's 50 largest corporations, 47 are lead by Greeks.

63% of all US cabinet members since 1900 have been Greek.

The all fraternity and all sorority GPA is higher than the overall college GPA.
Explore the Possibilities

Greek Life

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