

The Fraternity and Sorority Connection



MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO
FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

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FROM THE FRATERNITY & SORORITY ADVISOR

This Fall semester celebrated return to more normalcy on campus and in our Fraternity & Sorority Community. We saw some traditional events and programs come back, and the buzz on campus was exciting. Homecoming came back as a large and in-person occurrence. Our formal recruitment processes happened, once again. It was good to see people face-to-face!

With that return to a more "normal" feel, we encountered some membership challenges. Across campus, we have found that students have been willing to attend events and activities, but they've been less willing to engage as members of the groups that make these things happen. Since the beginning of the pandemic, recruitment of new members has been a bit of a challenge, and we've seen a bit of a decline in both membership and recruitment, with both being down about 30%. Those who are here are stepping up as leaders, though, and doing a good job to create and provide a great experience. We are working hard to adjust to changes in Minnesota State Mankato's new student orientation programs, affecting our community-wide marketing, but we're also working to impress upon chapters the necessity of using the resources they're provided and doing work over the summer months to reach out to prospective members. For some chapters, fraternities in particular, the idea of having to recruit

members over the summer is new. The reality is that they will need to adjust and make this a priority.

Fraternities and Sororities, along with our governing councils, elect officers on a calendar-year basis. This means that we're in the midst of election season. In this newsletter, you'll find the list of known council and chapter leaders. We'll install them and recognize our outgoing officers in a ceremony on December 5.

For the last edition of our alumni newsletter, we gave our students the chance to tell their current story. The feedback from that was great, so we're doing it again! What you'll find contained here has come directly from our governing council leaders and chapter presidents. If a chapter isn't listed, that just means they didn't submit anything by our deadline. Enjoy!

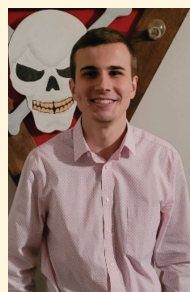
Fraternally,

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Assistant Director of Student Activities



MEMBERS OF THE MINNESOTA STATE MANKATO FRATERNITY & SORORITY COMMUNITY GATHER FOR A GROUP PHOTO AFTER BID DAY FESTIVITIES IN FALL 2021.



TIM TUCHEK (LEFT) AND LAUREN WOJACK (RIGHT) WILL SERVE AS THE 2022 INTERFRATERNITY & PANAHELLENIC COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

From the 2021 Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council Presidents

Max Mahoney ($\Phi K \Psi$) and Clare Kasten ($A \Sigma A$)

This fall the Panhellenic and interfraternity community returned to "normal". We have held all events in person, including the most anticipated, formal recruitment. Although the numbers for formal recruitment were lower than previous years, we anticipate next year to increase. It was absolutely amazing though to watch all of the new members find their home on Bid Day to end recruitment. It has been wonderful being on campus and in-person to be with those in the community. Bonds have only strengthened through this.

Elections for the 2022 Panhellenic and Interfraternity councils have almost wrapped up and the new councils are excited to take on their roles. We wish them luck on the next year.

From the Incoming Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council Presidents

Tim Tucheck (TKE) and Lauren Wojack ($\Gamma \Phi \beta$)

The fall semester was a reprieve seeing the incoming freshmen. Life was back on the campus as Fraternity and Sorority Life recruited an increased number of members from previous years. Through the pandemic, chapters found alternative ways to do the things we have always done. From socials to philanthropic events and brotherhood/sisterhoods. We hope to continue to see improved recruitment numbers from the previous two years and to help preserve our fraternities and sororities here on campus. Chapters are eager to give back more to campus and the local community through various volunteer and philanthropic events. IFC and PHC want to expand our reach and work together to bring only the best to the Greek Community here at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

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2022 COMMUNITY LEADERS SELECTED

FSL chapters and councils are in the midst of officer selection for 2022. As of publication, the following leaders have been elected.

2022 Panhellenic Council Officers

President - Lauren Wojack, **ΓΦΒ**
VP of Council Management - Lauren Karnitz, **ΓΦΒ**
VP of Recruitment - Lisbeth Magdaleno-Garcia, **ΣΣΣ**
VP of Member Education & Development - Natalie Horn, **ΑΣΑ**
VP of Public Relations & Marketing - Skylar Samples, **ΑΧΩ**
VP of Community Service & Philanthropy - Elizabeth Sazma, **ΑΣΑ**
VP of Risk Management - Kayla Szafraniec, **ΑΧΩ**
VP of Conduct Review - Jersie Schreder, **ΑΣΑ**
VP of Diversity & Outreach - Karina Xiong, **ΓΦΒ**

2022 Interfraternity Council Officers

President - Tim Tucheck, **TKE**
VP of Council Management - Tyler Lorbeski, **ΦΔΘ**
VP of Recruitment - Abi Saha, **ΣΧ**
VP of Member Education & Development - Nick Huynh, **ΣΧ**
VP of Marketing & Public Relations - Steven Yang, **ΣΝ**
VP of Community Service & Philanthropy - To Be Announced
VP of Risk Management - Collin Jutting, **ΦΚΨ**
VP of Conduct Review - Ryan McGraw, **ΣΧ**
VP of Diversity & Outreach - Tyler Schernbeck, **TKE**

2022 Chapter Presidents

Abby Johnson, Alpha Sigma Alpha
Kayla Dorshak, Alpha Chi Omega
Molly Nhean, Gamma Phi Beta
Emma Knutson, Sigma Sigma Sigma
To Be Announced, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Jonny Bodell, Lambda Chi Alpha
Roman Newinski, Phi Delta Theta
Joey Casey, Phi Kappa Psi
Jack Wheeler, Sigma Chi
Keegan Gilbert, Sigma Nu
Tyler Schernbeck, Tau Kappa Epsilon

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS

ALPHA CHI OMEGA SORORITY

Two things that Alpha Chi accomplished this past year was our continuous success to support CADA and raise awareness for domestic violence, along with that we are so proud of and super excited for our amazing new member class who have portrayed so much love for Alpha Chi! Our main focus for this year is to strengthen our bonds within the chapter and with our community whether it's with Greek Life or other RSO's.



MEMBERS OF ALPHA CHI OMEGA CELEBRATE BY MINNESOTA STATE MANKATO'S ICONIC FOUNTAIN.

ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA SORORITY

This last year we are so proud to say was a great year! We won the 2020 Chapter of the year at the awards banquet, and we have continued our hard work with recruitment and got quota through formal recruitment for the first time in quite a few years. A goal we have for next year is to continue to strengthen our relationships with the other chapters in FSL and other RSO's on campus.



ASAS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A BEAUTIFUL DAY ON CAMPUS.

GAMMA PHI BETA SORORITY

This year we had the unique challenge of balancing the spring semester being online due to the virus and the fall semester being completely back in-person. However, we were still able to accomplish many things during this time. We introduced the new position of Belonging, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Chairwomen into our chapter. With this position we are strengthening our four core values of Love, Labor, Learning, and Loyalty by educating sisters on how to understand, appreciate and interact with people from cultures or belief systems different from one's own. Additionally, with Covid restrictions in the spring we were able to hold our annual philanthropy event, Moonball, which contributes to the Girls on the Run Organization in October. Looking forward to next semester we can't wait to welcome our next executive officer board.



MEMBERS OF GAMMA PHI BETA CELEBRATE BID DAY IN FALL 2021.

PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY

Phi Delta Theta Minnesota Beta has been very active on campus this last semester. We held our semester philanthropy event, Phi Delta Theta Car Smash, and raised over \$1,000 for the Live Like Lou foundation. As a chapter, we grew our members from 10 to 16 men, our new members are already taking on leadership roles, and we are excited to see how they improve the chapter. One goal we have for the upcoming year is to double the size of our chapter.



MEMBERS OF PHI DELTA THETA GATHER FOR SOME OUTDOOR ADVENTURES.

SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY

The Kappa Tau Chapter is very proud to announce that we have raised \$2,527.93 for our philanthropy (Huntsman Cancer Institute) which is the



MEMBERS OF SIGMA CHI HOSTED SEVERAL EVENTS AS PART OF MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

most money ever raised in a semester since our charter in 2003. Sigma Chi was also very fortunate to have been able to serve over 150 hours for community service during the fall semester! Our goal for this upcoming year is to keep building on the solid foundation our chapter currently has and continue to grow our numbers to make an even stronger presence on our campus. The next Consul of the Kappa Tau Chapter of Sigma Chi is, Jack Wheeler. Jack has been very involved on campus since arriving in fall of 2019. He is invested in Student Government as well multiple Honors Societies on campus. We are very excited to see what brother Wheeler will accomplish as the next Consul of Sigma Chi.

SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA SORORITY

My name is Emma Knutson, and I am from Dallas, WI. I am a current junior majoring in Dance and minoring in Marketing. I have been a part of Tri Sigma for one year and was the Vice President of Harm Reduction officer board position. I am very excited for this upcoming year as president and being a role model to all the girls in my chapter and others.



MEMBERS OF TRI-SIGMA GATHER TO HELP WELCOME NEW STUDENTS AT MAVFEST

One goal our chapter has this upcoming year is focusing on strengthening our sisterhood and improving participation. We want to make sure to be involved in all things Greek Life and especially within our own chapter. There are a lot of exciting things coming up and we just want to have as much time together as sisters as possible.

SIGMA NU FRATERNITY

The Lambda Delta Chapter of the Sigma Nu fraternity has accomplished many objectives this past year. This Fall semester we pinned in the largest class on campus of 12 strong young men who desire to be candidates of Sigma Nu. Another big accomplishment of ours includes the strength of our brotherhood over this past year. Our chapter has put a larger emphasis on bonds created within Lambda Delta, helped partly due to bi-weekly brotherhoods. Although this does not cover all of our accomplishments, we are proud of where our chapter is headed, which is why one of our goals for this upcoming year is continuity of our accomplishments; strong candidate classes, immense community, and campus involvement, and strengthening of bonds and academics. All of which can be upheld by our 2022 presidentelect Keegan Gilbert a senior aviation major.



SIGMA NU MEN JOIN IN ON THE FESTIVITIES, VOLUNTEERING AT GALACTIC BINGO DURING WELCOME WEEK.

TAU KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY

This semester has been great in terms of improving our brotherhood and maximizing community service. Our main focus for next year is growing our chapter with the help of The Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan is an inspiring call to action around an exciting vision. The journey will facilitate more invitations to new members, sustain current members and alumni, and forge active networking partnerships. TKE's enriched vitality will become increasingly obvious in a well-resourced organization that supports members' positive influence in the world.



TYLER SCHERNBECK WILL SERVE AS THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF TKE.

Fraternity and Sorority Life Community Mission Statement

The Fraternities and Sororities at Minnesota State University, Mankato take pride in serving the University and the greater Mankato area. We are a community of campus leaders committed to excellence in scholarship and to promoting dynamic personal growth of members, focusing on the development of experiential leadership, and the fostering of lasting relationships.

Fraternity and Sorority Life Community Core

Values

- Leadership
- Friendship
- Scholarship
- Service



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YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Win Vuong '22, 2021 Marie Bruce Outstanding Fraternity Man Award Recipient

One of the experiences that has been meaningful in my life is joining Sigma Chi, where I was able to meet hundreds of amazing people through leadership conferences and trips to other places to learn more about how to be a leader that can make decisions that help other people. I was able to be who I was, with the people around me supporting me for who I am and not the guy that has to do it all or the guy that suffers from mental health, but the guy that loves helping people no matter what. I was able to strive to be better with the people around me giving me a helping hand and not breaking me down to conform. I was able to take on many roles in Greek Life, and I was able to make an impact on many people's lives.

I would love to thank the donors for their generous gifts because I was not expecting a scholarship with the award. I have lived life, helping other people and not taking anything for granted and making sure that I am grateful for everything I have. I want to thank you for giving me the option to continue my education and help me afford it a little more. I have struggled with mental health the past few years and have always tried to get better and try my best. It is the small gestures that always help me get out of a bad state. I always love to be there for other people, but I always forget that there are other people looking out for me which is something I hope I never forget. Thanks for the gift and the opportunity.



WIN VUONG

SUPPORT THE MARIE BRUCE SCHOLARSHIP

This award, the highest honor a member of our community can receive, is named after Marie Bruce, our university's former Dean of Women. She was instrumental in developing Fraternity & Sorority Life here. Recipients of this award have been benefitting from an endowment that was established at the time of Ms. Bruce's death.

Additional support is needed in order to continue awarding the scholarship beyond the next year. Please consider a gift to the Marie Bruce fund, which is administered by the Minnesota State University, Mankato Foundation. Gifts may be made online at www.mnsu.edu/giving, or they may be sent to:

Minnesota State University, Mankato Foundation
126 Alumni Foundation Center
Mankato, MN 56001

Please reference "Marie Bruce-335020" when making your gift. There is an immediate need for contributions that can be awarded from the fund annually for the next 2-5 years.

We would love to be able to increase this award to \$1500 and be able to present it to one man and one woman perpetually. In order to reach that level, the scholarship endowment must increase by \$65,000. If you are interested in discussing a larger gift or pledge that would allow us to get closer to finally making this scholarship a permanent one, please contact John Bulcock, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity & Sorority Life, at john.bulcock@mnsu.edu or 507-389-6076.

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