

# THE GREEK ALUMNI CONNECTION

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MANKATO

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## GREEK ADVISOR'S CORNER



Well, we've made it through another successful academic year!

I hope this newsletter finds you easing into the Fall season after what was an enjoyable summer. On campus, things are going well for the Fraternity and Sorority Community. This August, I celebrated my 10th "workiversary" in the Fraternity/Sorority Advisor role on campus. It has been a pleasure working with some of the greatest students and most committed alumni at our university.

There have been some wonderful achievements, events, and goings-on with our organizations and community. The fraternity and sorority community achieved a cumulative 3.18 GPA during the Spring semester of 2018. This is the highest the community has ever collectively achieved. Both the fraternities and sororities significantly outperform the general men and women populations, respectively.

In addition, many of our chapters sent members to leadership conferences or conventions over the course of the summer. Our office sponsored two students' attendance at the Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute in Bloomington, IN.

Sorority Formal Recruitment has concluded, with 68 new women joining the community. Quota was set at 21, and chapter Total is 74. Three of our four chapters have the ability to continue recruiting new members. As of the writing of this article, 68 men have accepted invitations to join our community. 15 men did this through the structured recruitment process offered September 20-23. 52 have joined through informal recruitment. This number is up from 54 last fall, and we anticipate that we will exceed 69, the number who joined three years ago.

Also, Our Diversity and Outreach officers have been working with the Athletics Department and are collaborating with the International Student Association to find out ways we can work together to benefit all students and to have a better understanding of the backgrounds of our students. On October 23, the annual U-Lead Conference will be held. This is a collaborative program with the Leadership-U Program, Residential Life, the Kearney International Center, and Student Government. The program will be open to all students and features an etiquette dinner that will better prepare students to conduct themselves in a formal setting.

The university also celebrated our sesquicentennial! Many events took place including the participation of many of our Greek members in a special downtown Mankato Homecoming Parade.

Excitingly, this Spring, Phi Kappa Psi will be celebrating the chapter's 50th Anniversary on campus. These milestones are big for our organizations. We look forward to welcoming alumni and friends back for this event. I've been told that an inter-generational planning committee has been formed. If you're part of Phi Psi, be on the lookout for information to come.

Should you be on campus for anything, please stop by and say hi! To stay caught up on the happenings in the Greek community, be sure to "Like" our Facebook Page, "Maverick Greeks", and follow us on Twitter @MaverickGreeks! We can also be found on Snapchat and Instagram.

Share your stories!

We want to hear about your fond memories from being a member in the Greek Community. Email your stories: [student-affairs@mnsu.edu](mailto:student-affairs@mnsu.edu) or visit: [www.mnsu.edu/student/greekalumni/](http://www.mnsu.edu/student/greekalumni/)

Trophy Pic: Members of Sigma Nu, partnered with the Delta Sigma Pi Co-Ed Business Fraternity, celebrates their 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive Homecoming Lipsync Competition championship on September 27 in Bresnan Arena.



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## Greek 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.

## Greek Community Core Values

- Leadership
- Friendship
- Scholarship
- Service



## HELP SUPPORT THE MARIE BRUCE AWARD

In previous newsletters, we have put out a call for support of the Marie Bruce Award. We are immensely thankful to the alumni and friends who have made gifts to further support this award, ensuring that it will be awarded for at least the next two years.

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, and it is she who was tasked with courting national organizations, encouraging them to establish chapters on our campus. Recipients of this award have been benefitting from an endowment that was established at the time of Ms. Bruce's death. For the past several years, each recipient has been awarded a \$250 scholarship. This year, thanks to generous gifts, we were able to award two \$500 scholarships.

Additional support is needed to continue awarding the scholarship beyond the next two years. If you are interested in honoring Marie Bruce's legacy and helping us continue to honor the best our Fraternity & Sorority Community has to offer, 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](http://www.mnsu.edu/giving), or they may be sent to:

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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 3-5 years.

We would love to be able to increase this award to \$1000-1500 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 \$40,000-65,000. If you are interested in discussing the potential for a larger gift that would substantially bolster the endowment, allowing us to increase the scholarship award and ensure its long-term sustainability, please contact John Bulcock, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity & Sorority Life, at [john.bulcock@mnsu.edu](mailto:john.bulcock@mnsu.edu) or 507-389-6076.

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