

Fraternity/Sorority 101 for New Members

Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life
Colorado State University



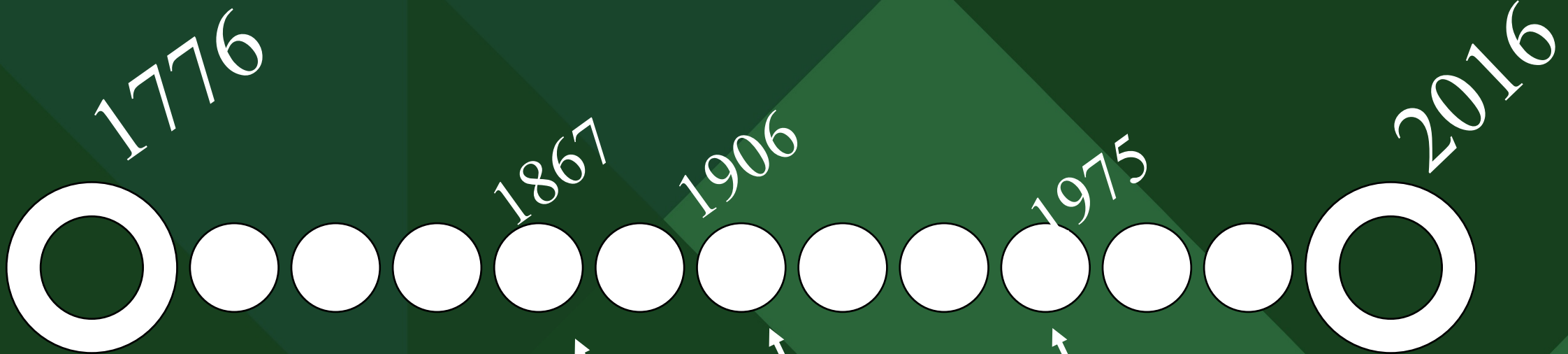
Purpose

This presentation is an opportunity for students in their first year of a fraternity or sorority to reflect with other new members on the difference of and make connections to the other fraternities and sororities at Colorado State University.



Overview of Fraternity & Sorority Life





First Fraternity
Founded

First Sorority
Founded

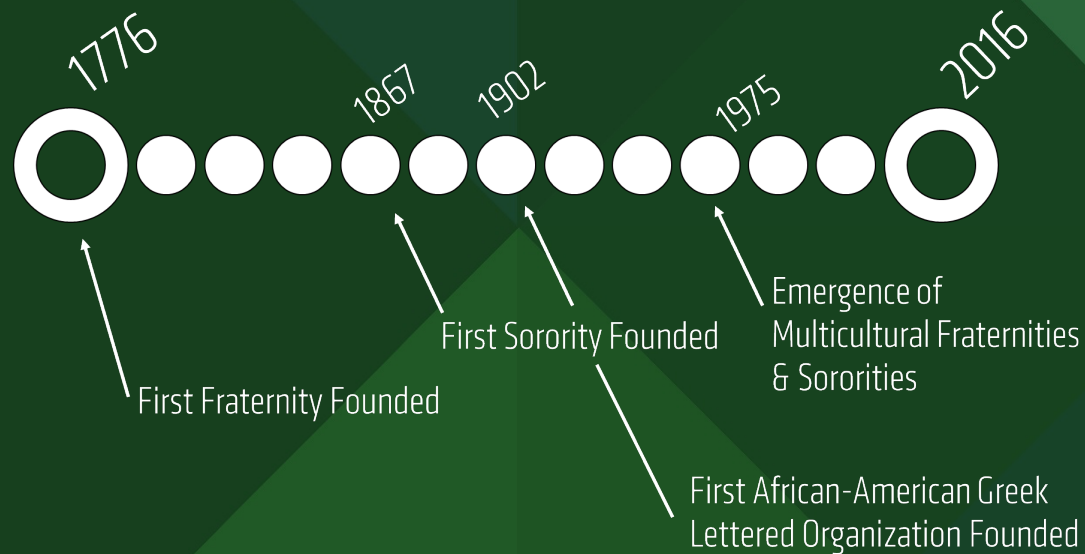
Emergence of
Multicultural
Fraternities &
Sororities

First African-American
Greek Lettered
Organization Founded

What happened on these dates?



Timeline and History of Fraternity & Sorority Life



Some Historical Context

- 1776: First college opened in the United States
- 1823: Alexander Lucius Twilight was the first African-American to graduate from a US college
- 1848: Women demanded access to higher education in the US

Fraternity & Sorority Life at Colorado State University



Fraternities & Sororities

Interfraternity
Council

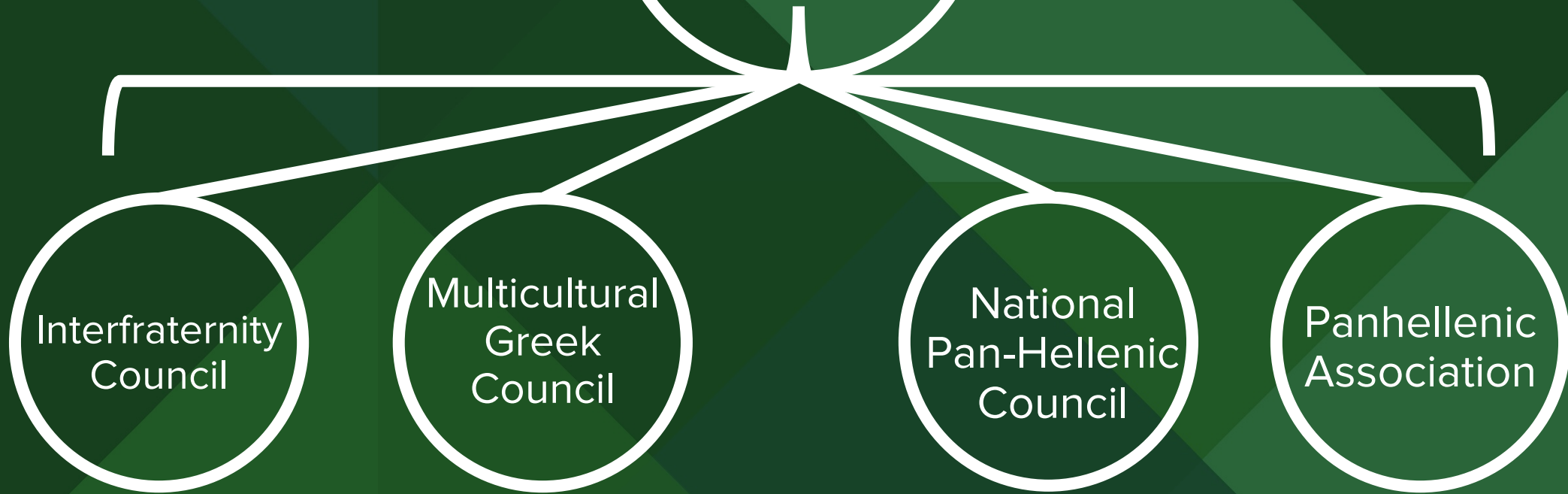
Multicultural
Greek
Council

National
Pan-Hellenic
Council

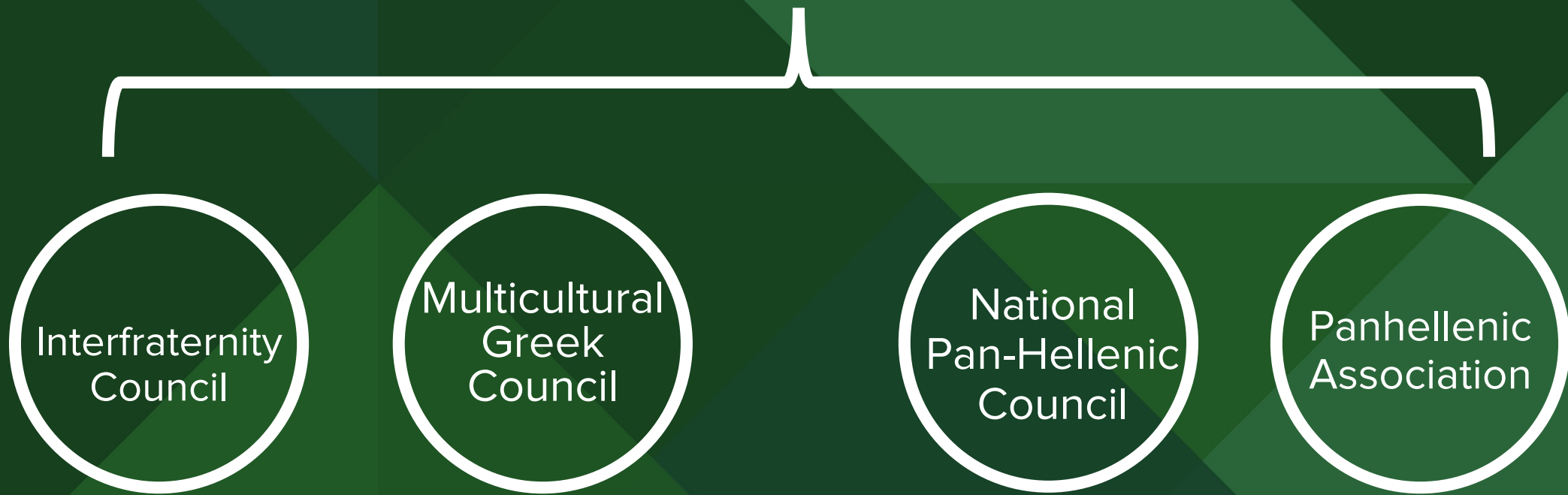
Panhellenic
Association



103 Years of History
& Sororities

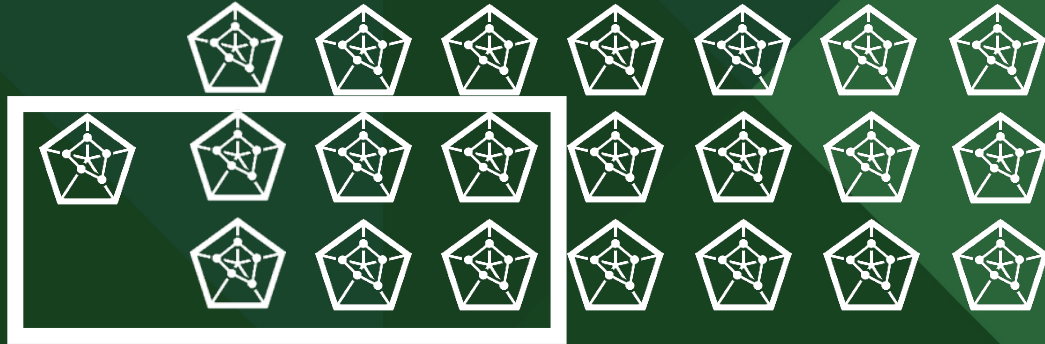


~12% of CSU is in a
Fraternity or
Sorority



22 Chapters

Average Size: 49 Members



Focused Chapters

- Alpha Epsilon Pi - Jewish
- Alpha Gamma Omega - Christian
- Alpha Gamma Rho - Agriculture
- FarmHouse Fraternity - Agriculture
- Phi Kappa Theta - Catholic-Based
- Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia - Music
- Triangle Fraternity - Engineering



8 with a Facility

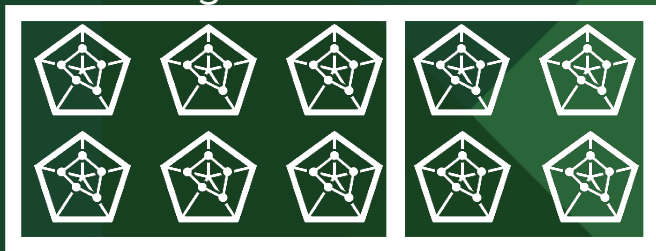


~36% of F/S Community
(1036 Members)

Multicultural
Greek
Council

10 Chapters

Average Size: 17 Members



6
Sororities

4
Fraternities



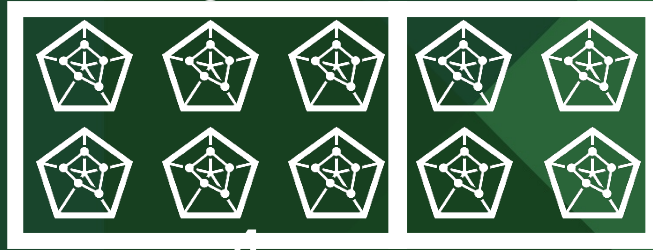
~5% of F/S Community
(154 Members)



Multicultural
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6 Chapters with Cultural Focus
Sororities

- Alpha Phi Gamma Sorority, Inc. – Asian Interest
- Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. – Latina Interest
- Pi Lambda Chi Latina Sorority, Inc. – Latina Interest
- Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc. – Latino Interest
- Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. – Latina Interest

Chapters with Multicultural Focus

- Beta Gamma Nu
- Delta Xi Nu Multicultural Sorority, Inc.
- Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. (originally Latina focused)
- Nu Alpha Kappa Fraternity, Inc.
- Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc.



~5% of F/S Community
(154 Members)





2 Chapters

Average Size: 6 Members



2 Fraternities

Historically African American Groups

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



>1% of F/S Community
(13 Members)

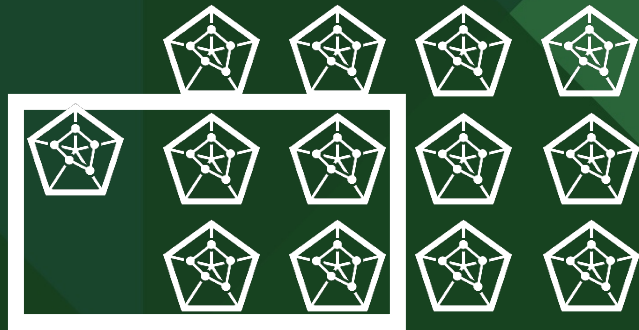


Panhellenic Association

13 Chapters

NPC Average Size: 121 Members

Associate Average Size: 37 Members



Associate Chapters

Associate Chapter

Focuses

Alpha Delta Chi – Christian Interest

Sigma Alpha – Agriculture Interest

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Pi – Jewish Interest

Sigma Alpha Iota – Music Interest

Alpha Sigma Kappa – Women in Technical Studies

8 with a Facility



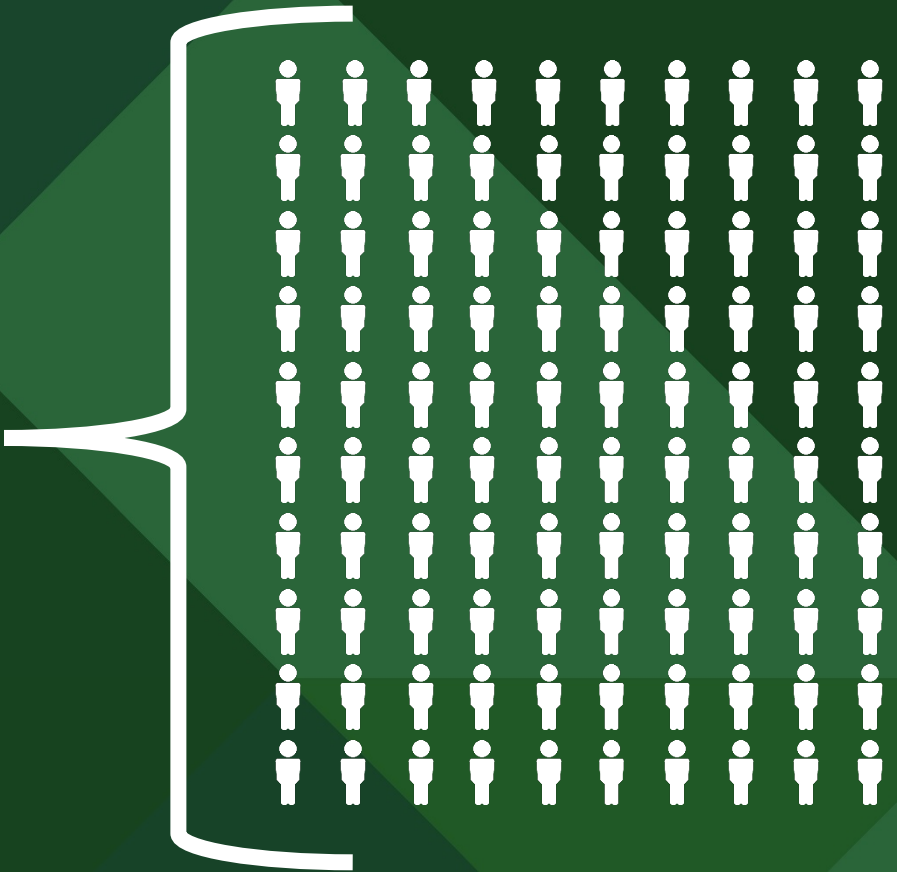
~59% of F/S Community
(1,453 Members)

2,656 Members

46 Chapters

4 Councils

1 Community



Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life



OFSL Mission, Vision, and Non-Negotiable Values

Mission

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life creates experiences to challenge and encourage one's journey toward growth and the achievement of unique potential.

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life believes in the process of helping students reach their true potential. We believe the mission and vision will be achieved through infusing the following non-negotiables throughout our programs, services, and conversations with students.

Vision

Elevation: ascend to greater heights



OFSL Mission, Vision, and Non-Negotiable Values

Non-Negotiable Values

Change Agents: The OFSL will impart socially responsible leadership on fraternity and sorority members, focusing on doing good in the community, identifying root causes of social and systemic issues, recognizing and challenging inequities in society, and participating in an ever-growing and changing global society with the knowledge that individual actions matter.

Lifelong Learning & Critical Thinking: The OFSL will create experiences that encourage students to engage in lifelong learning, sound decision-making rooted in critical thought, and reflection on one's interests and passions.



OFSL Mission, Vision, and Non-Negotiable Values

Non-Negotiable Values (continued)

Inclusivity & Social Justice: The OFSL will engage in the process and goal of change in the fraternal movement and the CSU fraternity and sorority community through integration of diverse perspectives, the elimination of oppression, and the personal investigation of identities and systems of injustice.

Meaning-Making & Purpose: The OFSL will create opportunities for fraternity and sorority members to intentionally seek meaning from failures and successes to grow and develop as well as discover individual and organizational purpose to pursue a more authentic and congruent student experience.



OFSL Mission, Vision, and Non-Negotiable Values

Non-Negotiable Values (continued)

Building Coalitions & Connections: The OFSL will assist students in looking inward to one's identity and wellbeing as a prelude to connection with others and provide experiences to ensure that friendship and fraternal bonds are filled with care, concern, and challenge to elevate the status quo. The OFSL will assist fraternity and sorority members as they seek a healthy and diverse fellowship with members across chapters and councils, alumni/ae, Colorado State University, and the global community.

We refer to these non-negotiable values as the CLIMB.



Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life Staff

Central Office Staff

- **Lindsay Sell**, Director
- **Natalie Padrón**, Assistant Director
- **Zach Knight**, Accountability Specialist
- **Amanda Villa**, Program Coordinator
- **Elijah Serna**, Graduate Assistant

Student Interns

- Elevation Accreditation Intern
- Community Service & Philanthropy Intern
- Leadership Intern
- Marketing and PR Intern
- Programming Intern



Involvement Opportunities in Fraternity & Sorority Life



Involvement Opportunities

Programming Board

- The Fraternity & Sorority Life Programming Board offers members the opportunity to plan, promote, and produce community events. Individuals serving on the Programming Board will be instrumental in both event coordination and community development among CSU's fraternities and sororities.

Academic Classes

- Inclusive Leadership for Fraternity and Sorority Members (Fall)
 - This course is designed to provide students an opportunity to explore and discuss the complexity of human differences in today's society through class readings, class discussion and activities, and reflection. This class is also designed as a leadership development course and will help you examine leadership in the context of inclusion, diversity and social justice.



Involvement Opportunities

Academic Classes (continued)

- Leadership Techniques for Emerging Fraternity and Sorority Leaders (Spring)
 - This class is designed as an introductory leadership development course aimed at examining leadership within the context of Fraternity and Sorority Life. The purpose of our course is to reflect on one's ability to create positive and lasting change with your fraternity or sorority.
- Advanced Leadership Techniques for Fraternity & Sorority Leaders (Spring)
 - This class is designed as an advanced leadership development course aimed at examining leadership specifically within the context of Fraternity and Sorority Life, and is geared specifically towards sophomores, juniors and seniors who currently hold (or have held) officer positions within their organization.



Involvement Opportunities

Academic Classes (continued)

- Fraternity & Sorority Members Against Sexual Assault(Spring)
 - Understanding Rape Support Culture in Fraternities and Sororities helps fraternity and sorority members:
 - Dispel myths surrounding rape, sexual assault, and relationship violence
 - Consider how a rape supportive culture is established and unique ways this culture is perpetuated in the fraternity and sorority community
 - Discuss gender socialization, gender specific programs, and healthy relationships, all relating to being a member of a fraternity or sorority
 - Develop a firm understanding of the resources available for survivors of rape, sexual assault, and other forms of interpersonal violence
 - Foster collaboration among members of the fraternity and sorority community concerned with the health and well-being of CSU students and deconstructing rape supportive culture



Involvement Opportunities

FSL Ambassadors

- FSL Ambassadors represent the University as well as the fraternity and sorority community at informational/resource fairs in order to answer questions and provide information to prospective members and their families.

Council Leadership

- Engage the fraternity and sorority community by running for a position on your council! Each council has various positions to serve in and together the council officers work to create experiences for their members and provide resources.



Involvement Opportunities

Order of Omega

- Order of Omega is a leadership honor society for members of fraternities and sororities, recognizing juniors and seniors who have exemplified high standards. Members are selected from the top 3% of students on campus.

Order of the Torch

- Order of the Torch offers members the chance to build relationships with administrators and students to help raise awareness and support for programs, services, and scholarships within the University community and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life that have been put in place to directly benefit students.



Questions?

