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**2024 - 2025 Annual Report**

**Introduction**

The 2024-2025 school year was a highly productive year for the fraternity and sorority community at Western Kentucky University. Grades remain above the All-Men’s GPA/All-Women’s GPA and graduation rates are above their non-greek counterparts (greek men 16% higher graduation rate, greek women 23% higher graduation rate). Despite a lower WKU enrollment, membership numbers have increased slightly from a Fall-to-Fall comparison (up 15 in Fall ’24 compared to Fall ‘23). The WKU Greek community completed 63,000+ service hours and raised $467,000+ for philanthropic organizations.

**Recruitment and Membership**

**Panhellenic Recruitment**

* 400 women participated in Go Greek (first round).
* 320 women attending Preference (last round).
* 312 women matched through the formal process (78% of women who participated in Go Greek; same percentage as last year).
* 88 women withdrew/released from recruitment (9 less than previous year).
* 283 women matched with their 1st choice and 29 women matched with their 2nd choice.
* Quota was 34 in fall 2024, a decrease from 39 in fall 2023.
* Chapter Total after Fall 2024 Recruitment was 149, an increase compared to total of 143 in Fall 2023.
* Panhellenic sorority membership in the Fall 2024 semester was 1330, an increase from 1297 in the Fall 2023 semester.
* In Spring 2024, the WKU Sororities welcomed 81 new members. This is a decrease of 30 compared to 111 new members from Spring 2023.

**Fraternity Recruitment**

* 263 men signed bids in the Fall 2024. This is down from 303 in Fall 2023.
* The Fall 2024 fraternity membership was 905. This is down from 923 from Fall 2023.
* 58 men signed bids in Spring 2025. This is down from 66 sign bids in Spring 2024.
* For Spring 2025, fraternity membership was 846. This is down from 869 from Spring 2024.

**NPHC Recruitment**

* NPHC membership this Spring 2025 was 94 (63 sorority, 31 fraternity). This was down 7 from Spring 2024 when NPHC had 101 members (76 sorority, 25 fraternity).
* NPHC organizations have embraced the WKU Intake Packet and the re-creation of the required Greek 101 workshop for students interested in joining.

**Philanthropy Report**

* ~63,000 service hours performed by WKU Greeks.
* ~$467,000 donated to philanthropic endeavors from WKU Greeks.
* 60,000+ canned goods donated during Greek Week to BG House on the Hill; this is a collaboration with the BG Realtors Association and BG House on the Hill.
* 1,275 pints of blood donated during WKU Greek Week to Red Cross.
* WKU Midnight on the Hill raised ~$120,000; WKU Dance Big Red $105,000 – The fundraising for these organizations are both heavily Greek-led.
* WKU Greeks adopted 33 children from Parker-Bennett-Curry for the Christmas Angel program.

**Scholarship**

* Fall Grades:
  + All Sorority Average = 3.36 compared to an All-Women’s Average of a 3.19
  + All Fraternity Average = 2.92 compared to an All-Men’s Average of a 2.95
  + 4.0 GPA = 375 (17% of WKU Greeks); 3.5+ GPA = 959 (44% of WKU Greeks); 3.0+ GPA = 1535 (70% of WKU Greeks)
* Spring Grades:
  + All Sorority Average = 3.42 compared to an All Women’s Average of a 3.10
  + All Fraternity Average = 3.07 compared to an All-Men’s Average of a 2.92
  + 4.0 GPA = 400 (19% of WKU Greeks); 3.5+ GPA = 991 (47% of WKU Greeks); 3.0+ GPA = 1590 (75% of WKU Greeks)
* Based off of the most recent graduation statistics, WKU Sorority women graduate at a 23% higher rate than the WKU Female 6 year graduation rate and WKU Fraternity men graduate at a 16% higher rate than the WKU Male 6 year graduation rate.

**Greek Week**

Greek Week is one of the largest student run programs in the Greek Affairs Office. The Greek Week Committee consisted of 33 students from 23 organizations. Events included Spring Sing, Banner, Blood Drive, Greek Feud, Faculty Appreciation, Events Day, Tug, Philanthropy Day and Awards Convocation. During Greek Week, WKU Greeks collected 60,000+ canned foods for BG House on the Hill and WKU Greeks donated 1,275 pints of blood for the Red Cross. Two of the largest non-sporting events come from Greek Week (Spring Sing ~3,500 attendance; Tug ~2,000 attendance). Greek Week ended with the annual Awards Convocation which included the following awards:

**Greek Hall of Fame:** The following were inducted into the WKU Greek Hall of Fame this year:

* **Alpha Delta Pi:** Caitlyn Blandford, Caroline Cook, Karlee Powell
* **Alpha Gamma Delta:** Abigail Hayes, Kelsey Shelby, Marleigh Solomon, Abigail Wright
* **Alpha Gamma Rho:** Kannon Bowles
* **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.:** Talor Crenshaw, Tylia Standard, Jaida Tooley, Ananda Wallace, Kennedy Williams
* **Alpha Omicron Pi:** Josie Cheatham, Elise Lynch, Leann Lyon
* **Alpha Tau Omega:** Luke Dwyer, Jack Tedder
* **Alpha Xi Delta:** Raegan Lindsey, Emily Miller, Emma North, Anne-Marie Wright, Abbi Young
* **Chi Omega:** Molly Claire Abell, Julia Duggins, Lily Scott, Katie Stamper, Madelyn Wilson
* **Delta Tau Delta:** Nathan Creamer
* **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**: Hannah Turner
* **Delta Zeta:** Ella Galvin, Kate Petitt, Avery Smith, Joselynn Trammell
* **Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc**.: Bosco Tuyisenge
* **Kappa Delta:** Alex Gregory, Maddy Jones, Taylor Richardson, Sarah Vincent
* **Kappa Sigma:** Caleb Talley
* **Lambda Chi Alpha**: Sam Clark
* **Omega Phi Alpha:** Sarah Thompson, Mary Louise Wooters
* **Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.:** Jakob Briggs, Isaak Kidd, Ja’Veon Manning
* **Phi Delta Theta:** Andrew Baribeau
* **Phi Gamma Delta:** Ryan Dilts, Blake Mitchell, Adam Pruitt, Tanner Redmon
* **Phi Mu:** Carrie Cavitt, Maddie Greene, Rosie Ribble, Reagan Sosnowski, Samantha Todt
* **Pi Kappa Alpha:** Dakota Boudoucies
* **Sigma Chi:**Pierce Bruehl
* **Sigma Kappa:** Avaleigh Craddock, Morgan Estes, Hanneh Kevorkian
* **Sigma Phi Epsilon:** Gabe Jerdon
* **Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.:** Arianna Pierson, Kiara Pitts

**Greek Week Award Winners**:

*In the* ***Overall Greek Week*** *results, the following organizations were winners:*

**Sorority**:, first: **Kappa Delta**; second: **Chi Omega**; third: **Alpha Xi Delta**

**Fraternity**: first: **Alpha Gamma Rho**; second: **Phi Gamma Delta**; third: **Alpha Tau Omega**

**Banner**

* 3rd place sorority banner – Alpha Delta Pi
* 2nd place sorority banner –  Kappa Delta
* 1st place sorority banner – Alpha Xi Delta
* 3rd place fraternity banner – Phi Gamma Delta
* 2nd place fraternity banner – Pi Kappa Alpha
* 1st place fraternity banner – FarmHouse

**Events Day**

* 3rd place sorority events day – Chi Omega
* 2nd place sorority events day – Phi Mu
* 1st place sorority events day – Alpha Delta Pi
* 3rd place fraternity events day – Alpha Gamma Rho
* 2nd place fraternity events day – Sigma Nu
* 1st place fraternity events day – Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Blood Drive**

* 3rd place sorority in Blood Drive – Phi Mu
* 2nd place sorority in Blood Drive – Chi Omega
* 1st place sorority in Blood Drive – Kappa Delta
* 3rd place fraternity in Blood Drive – FarmHouse
* 2nd place fraternity in Blood Drive – Alpha Tau Omega
* 1st place fraternity in Blood Drive – Alpha Gamma Rho

**Greek Jeopardy**

* 3rd place sorority in Greek Feud – Chi Omega
* 2nd place sorority in Greek Feud – Alpha Xi Delta
* 1st place sorority in Greek Feud – Kappa Delta
* 3rd place fraternity in Greek Feud – Sigma Phi Epsilon
* 2nd place fraternity in Greek Feud – Pi Kappa Alpha
* 1st place fraternity in Greek Feud – Phi Delta Theta

**Tug**

* 4th place sorority in Tug – Delta Zeta
* 3rd place sorority in Tug – Alpha Xi Delta
* 2nd place sorority in Tug – Phi Mu
* 1st place sorority in Tug – Chi Omega
* 4th place Fraternity in Tug – Phi Gamma Delta
* 3rd place Fraternity in Tug – Phi Delta Theta
* 2nd place Fraternity in Tug – FarmHouse
* 1st place Fraternity in Tug – Alpha Gamme Rho

**Canstruct**

* 3rd place sorority for Canstruct – Alpha Delta Pi & Omega Phi Alpha
* 2nd place sorority for Canstruct – Alpha Xi Delta
* 1st place sorority for Canstruct – Alpha Gamma Delta & Kappa Delta
* 3rd place fraternity for Canstruct – Sigma Nu
* 2nd place fraternity for Canstruct – Alpha Tau Omega
* 1st place fraternity for Canstruct – Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Spring Sing**

* 4th place sorority in Spring Sing – Phi Mu
* 3rd place sorority in Spring Sing – Alpha Xi Delta
* 2nd place sorority in Spring Sing – Chi Omega
* 1st place sorority in Spring Sing – Kappa Delta
* 4th place fraternity in Spring Sing – Sigma Phi Epsilon
* 3rd place fraternity in Spring Sing – Kappa Sigma
* 2nd place fraternity in Spring Sing – Chi Omega
* 1st place fraternity in Spring Sing – Kappa Delta

**Chapter Achievement Awards:**

**Alumni Development Award:** Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Kappa Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Mu, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Outstanding Intramurals Award:** Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Kappa Delta, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Mu, Sigma Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Outstanding New Member Program:** Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Mu, Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Philanthropic Service Award:** Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, Chi Omega, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Mu, Sigma Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Scholastic Achievement Award:** Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Kappa Delta, Omega Phi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Mu, Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Campus Involvement and Leadership Award:** Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Kappa Delta, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Chapter Development Award:** Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Mu, Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Greek Involvement Award:** Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Mu, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

**Randall H. Capps Greek Man of the Year:** Sam Kurtz, Sigma Phi Epsilon & Ethan Taylor, Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Susan Stockton Greek Woman of the Year:** Rosie Ribble, Phi Mu

**NPHC Greek Woman of the Year:** Arianna Pierson, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

**Karen Towell Sisterhood Award:** Alpha Omicron Pi

**NPHC Sorority of the Year:** Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

**M. Reed Morgan Award for Fraternal Excellence:** Phi Gamma Delta

**NPHC Fraternity of the Year:**  Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

**NPHC Chapter of the Year:**  Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

**Inter-Council Collaboration Award:** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Phi Mu, Alpha Tau Omega

**Scott Taylor Chapter Achievement Award:**  Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, Phi Gamma Delta, and Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Order of Omega Outstanding NPHC Fraternity New Member:** Ja’Vaughn Perry, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

**Order of Omega Outstanding NPHC Sorority New Member:** Hannah Turner, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

**Order of Omega Outstanding Panhellenic New Member:** Hayden Duff, Delta Zeta

**Order of Omega Outstanding IFC New Member:** Garrett Price, Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Most Improved Chapters:** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Gamma Delta, and Alpha Tau Omega

**Randy Bracey Outstanding Advisor Award:** Julie Pride, Delta Zeta; David Serafini, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Dr. DeVanee Lasley, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

**Charley Pride Spirit Award:** Madelyn Wilson, Chi Omega & Nate Partin, Phi Gamma Delta

**Howard Bailey Distinguished Service Award:** Ron Miller, Sigma Alpha Epsilon & Heather Strode, Kappa Delta

**Greek Academic Banquet**

**Professors of the Year**

**Professor of the Year – Potter College of Arts and Letters:** Mr. Clint Haynes

**Professor of the Year – Ogden College of Science and Engineering:** Dr Greg Arbuckle

**Professor of the Year – Gordon Ford College of Business:** Dr. Ron Rhoades

**Professor of the Year – College of Education and Behavioral Sciences:** Ms. Jessica Hussung

**Professor of the Year – College of Health and Human Services:** Ms. Laura Deaton

**Recognition of Individual Achievement by Class**

**Highest GPA Fraternity Freshman:** Joseph Hopgood, Phi Gamma Delta

**Highest GPA Sorority Freshman:** Isabella Salmon, Chi Omega & Maryn Greenwood, Phi Mu

**Highest GPA Fraternity Sophomore:** Zeek Noyce, Pi Kappa Alpha

**Highest GPA Sorority Sophomore:** Katelyn Boykin, Alpha Gamma Delta & Addileigh Wofford, Alpha Gamma Delta

**Highest GPA Fraternity Junior:** Zane McCauley, FarmHouse

**Highest GPA Sorority Junior:** Megan Carey, Kappa Delta

**Highest GPA Fraternity Senior:** Charles Uland, Phi Gamma Delta

**Highest GPA Sorority Senior:** Addison Pruitt, Alpha Xi Delta

**Highest Chapter GPA’s**

**Spring 2024 Highest NEW Member GPAs**

**Women’s Organizations**:

**Third Place: Omega Phi Alpha (3.335 GPA)**

**Second Place: Delta Zeta (3.344 GPA)**

**First Place: Kappa Delta (3.574 GPA)**

**Men’s Organizations**:

**Third Place: Sigma Nu (3.195 GPA)**

**Second Place: Pi Kappa Alpha (3.227 GPA)**

**First Place: Phi Gamma Delta (3.245 GPA)**

**Spring 2024 Highest ACTIVE Member GPAs**

**Women’s Organizations**:

**Third Place: Kappa Delta (3.475 GPA)**

**Second Place: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. (3.496 GPA)**

**First Place: Alpha Delta Pi (3.654 GPA)**

**Men’s Organizations**:

**Third Place: Sigma Phi Epsilon (3.229 GPA)**

**Second Place: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (3.315 GPA)**

**First Place: Phi Gamma Delta (3.513 GPA)**

**Fall 2024 Highest NEW Member GPAs**

**Women’s Organizations**:

**Third Place: Alpha Xi Delta (3.382 GPA)**

**Second Place: Alpha Delta Pi (3.461 GPA)**

**First Place: Alpha Omicron Pi (3.472 GPA)**

**Men’s Organizations**:

**Third Place: Sigma Chi**

**Second Place: Phi Gamma Delta (3.442 GPA)**

**First Place: Sigma Phi Epsilon (3.446 GPA)**

**Fall 2024 Highest ACTIVE Member GPAs**

**Women’s Organizations**:

**Third Place: Kappa Delta (3.507 GPA)**

**Second Place: Alpha Xi Delta (3.518 GPA)**

**First Place: Alpha Delta Pi (3.602 GPA)**

**Men’s Organizations**:

**Third Place: Pi Kappa Alpha (3.204 GPA)**

**Second Place: Sigma Phi Epsilon (3.329 GPA)**

**First Place: Phi Gamma Delta (3.419 GPA)**

**Spring 2024 Highest COMBINED GPAs**

**Women’s Organizations**:

**Third Place: Alpha Xi Delta (3.437 GPA)**

**Second Place: Kappa Delta (3.485 GPA)**

**First Place: Alpha Delta Pi (3.637 GPA)**

**First Place NPHC: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated (3.397 GPA)**

**Men’s Organizations**:

**Third Place: Sigma Phi Epsilon (3.225 GPA)**

**Second Place: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (3.315 GPA)**

**First Place: Phi Gamma Delta (3.491 GPA)**

**First Place NPHC: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (3.315 GPA)**

**Fall 2024 Highest COMBINED GPAs**

**Women’s Organizations**:

**Third Place: Alpha Omircon Pi (3.413 GPA)**

**Second Place: Alpha Xi Delta (3.481 GPA)**

**First Place: Alpha Delta Pi (3.563 GPA)**

**First Place NPHC: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (3.354 GPA)**

**Men’s Organizations**:

**Third Place: Phi Delta Theta (3.058 GPA)**

**Second Place: Sigma Phi Epsilon (3.361 GPA)**

**First Place: Phi Gamma Delta (3.425 GPA)**

**First Place NPHC: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (3.044 GPA)**

**Most Improved GPA’s:**

**Most Improved GPA Panhellenic Sorority: Sigma Kappa**

**Most Improved GPA NPHC Sorority: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

**Most Improved GPA IFC Fraternity: Sigma Phi Epsilon**

**Most Improved GPA NPHC Fraternity: Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.**

**Highest Overall GPA’s:**

**Highest Overall IFC Fraternity: Phi Gamma Delta**

**Highest Overall NPHC Fraternity: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated**

**Highest Overall Panhellenic Sorority: Alpha Delta Pi**

**Highest Overall NPHC Sorority: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated**

**Greek Programming**

**Greek New Member Symposium**: On Saturday, September 14th, 572 Greek students attended the annual Greek Leadership Symposium. WKU Professor, Heather Strode, served as the keynote to discuss how Greek life at WKU shaped her personal and professional experience. There were 9 breakout session presenters discussing topics ranging from sexual assault awareness/prevention, life balance, credit, personal branding, etc. Attached at the bottom of this document is the program from this year’s symposium.

**Greek Leadership Symposium**: On Saturday, February 22nd , 700+ Greek students attended the 44th annual Greek Leadership Symposium. Christi Morel, local teacher and national Phi Mu volunteer, served as the keynote to discuss how Greek life at WKU influenced her life in a positive way. There were 9 breakout session presenters discussing topics ranging from public speaking, healthy relationships, home buying 101, connecting greek skills to the real world, etc. Attached at the bottom of this document is the program from this year’s symposium.

**Greek Academic Banquet**: On Tuesday, April 1st, ~600 students attended the 48th Annual Greek Academic Banquet at the Knicely Center. This program recognized the scholastic success of our organizations and individuals. We honored the professors of the year from WKU’s 5 colleges, honored chapters who placed top 3 in active/new member/combined chapter grades, honored the top scholar by classification, and honored chapters with the most improved GPA and top overall Fall/Spring GPA.

**Highlights from the 2024-2025 School Year**

**Grades/Graduation Rates/Retention**

* **GRADES**:
  + Highest ever Spring All-Fraternity GPA (3.07) and Spring All-Sorority GPA (3.42)
  + Spring All-Fraternity GPA is .15 higher than the All-Men’s GPA
  + Spring All-Sorority GPA is .31 higher than the All-Women’s GPA
  + Of our 2,198 Greeks last fall, 375 (17%) made a perfect 4.0 GPA, 959 (44%) made a 3.5 GPA or higher, and 1,535 (70%) made a 3.0 GPA or higher!
* **GRADUATION RATES:**
  + Fraternity men graduate at a 16% higher rate than non-greek men.
  + Sorority women graduate at a 23% higher rate than non-greek women.
* **RETENTION RATES**:
  + Freshman retention rates for our sorority women and fraternity men are both 10% higher than the freshman women’s retention rate and freshman men’s retention rate respectively.

**Inter-Council Collaboration**: For the fourth consecutive year, collaborations between chapters of different councils has vastly improved. Part of this is the Inter-Council Collaboration Award. This theory for this award is for groups of different councils to get together to do meaningful programming. This year featured groups coming together for various philanthropies, outdoor events day activities, and developmental collaborations where groups from different councils came together to discuss pertinent topics. Also, we had NPHC buy in for programs such as SGLA (Southeastern Greek Leadership Academy), holding multiple Greek Week Committee positions, and great communication between the Panhellenic, NPHC, and IFC Presidents. Collaborations between chapters across councils are undoubtedly a strength and something our office will continue to promote.

**Regional recognition at SGLA Conference**: The WKU Panhellenic, National Pan-Hellenic, and IFC Councils were recognized at the Southeastern Greek Leadership Association (SGLA) Conference Feb. 6-9 in Atlanta. WKU’s Greek Councils won the following awards:

**Panhellenic Council**

* Social & Cultural Awareness
* Campus & Community Relations
* Civic & Philanthropic Engagement
* Council Impact Award (***major award category***)

**National Pan-Hellenic Council**

* Civic & Philanthropic Engagement
* Social & Cultural Awareness
* Council Impact Award (***major award category***)

**Interfraternity Council**

* Educational Programming
* Leadership Development
* Academic Enhancement
* Civic & Philanthropic Engagement
* Social & Cultural Awareness
* Council Impact Award (***major award category***)
* Community Cultivation Award (***major award category***)
* **Victor Felts InterFraternity Council of the Year**

WKU was one of only 5 institutions in attendance that had all three councils (Panhellenic, NPHC, IFC) win a major category award. The WKU IFC was recognized as the Top IFC in the Southeast, winning the Victor Felts InterFraternity Council of the year for the 2nd time in 4 years.

**WKU Greek Christmas Angel Program**: This year was the fourth year of the WKU Greek Christmas Angel Program. WKU Greeks collaborated with Parker-Bennett-Curry and sponsored 33 children for Christmas gifts. This event served as a Greek-wide inter-council collaboration. Numerous chapters from all councils and Greek Honoraries sponsored children. This event brought positive PR from the community as WBKO and the WKU Herald covered the event. The below link has the story along with video: <https://www.wbko.com/2024/11/20/wku-greek-life-partners-with-parker-bennett-curry-elementarys-christmas-angel-program-fourth-year/>

**Issues/Concerns from 2023-2024 School Year:**

**Small Staff:** WKU Greek Life consists of an Associate Director, Assistant Director of Student Activities, and a couple of Graduate Assistants. The Assistant Director splits their time between Leadership & Volunteerism and Greek Life, thus, professional staff is 1.5 rather than two full-time staff (and the Associate Director splits time also advising the Student Government Association).

With ~2,200 Greeks, 3 councils, 2 Honoraries, significant programming (symposiums, banquets, Greek Week, Homecoming), and numerous other time takers (constant communication with chapter leadership/advisory, adjudication of anything risk management, and the NPHC Facility), there is not enough time to do everything well. It is frustrating to hear of smaller schools and Greek systems that have 2 or 3 full-time staff devoted solely to Greek Life – some systems are half of our size. Our staff does an admirable job, but having 2 or 2.5 full time staff would be more in line with other peer institutions, and more importantly, keep from burnout of staff. [Same last several years]

**Chapter Meeting/Room Reservation Space**: Chapter meeting and room reservation space has been a slight issue the past few years. Having 33 groups, with over half using meeting space outside of their chapter house, creates a small nightmare for those scheduling meetings. Our chapters consistently use the Downing Student Union (DSU) for chapter meetings, discipline meetings, philanthropies, probate shows, and even educational programming. Our chapters sometimes get disgruntled with student union policy of so many meetings per week or for only a certain length of time. While chapters have to understand that there are over 300+ student organizations and student union policies are necessary, I feel this issue will be magnified even more with Meredith hall no longer being used for sorority housing and sorority meeting spaces.

Our office has communicated the importance for groups building new houses to building a chapter meeting space in their new facility. Our office will have to further educate groups about meeting spaces outside of DSU that can be reserved. I’m sure we will also have to champion for our groups to be able to use such spaces outside of DSU (some spaces have informed Greeks that they do not take reservations for Greek groups). In order for our Greek groups to maintain their high level of production, finding solid meeting spaces will be important.

**2024 New Member Symposium**

**Welcome (9:15 – 9:25 am) DSU Auditorium Landry Steenbergen (ΑΔΠ)**

**Keynote Speaker (9:25 – 9:50 am) DSU Auditorium Heather Strode (KΔ)**

**Session I (10:00 – 10:40 am)**

**Session Title** **Room** **Presenter(s)**

**Greek Council Student Panel 2081 Council Officers**

**Balance Living: The Key to a Fulfilled Life 2123/2124 Amy Wininger**

**Mastering the Hill:**  **3003/3004 Emily Pride Sutton (AOΠ)**

**How to Get the Most out of your WKU Experience**

**Conquering Credit 3005 Clay Phillips (ΛΧΑ)**

**Resources You Didn’t Know Are Available 3006/3007 Harper Hefley (KΔ)**

**B.Y.O.B.: Becoming Your Own Brand 3020 Laryn Hilderbrandt (AΔΠ)**

**Facts & Snacks 3023 Ena Demir & Melanie Evans (AΓΔ)**

**Advising 101 3024 Kassy Sweeney & Bertena Varney (KΔ)**

**Empowering Culture Change at WKU: 3025 Katie Poindexter (ΣΚ)**

**Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention**

**Session II (10:50– 11:30 am)**

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***Order of Omega GLS Chair***

**Keynote (9:25 – 9:50 am) DSU Auditorium Christi Morel (ΦΜ)**

**Session I (10:00 – 10:40 am) & Session II (10:50 – 11:30 am)**

**Session Title** **Room** **Presenter(s)**

NPHC History, Culture, and Q&A 2081 Amelia Kolb (ΑΞΔ), Assistant Director of

Student Activities + NPHC Board Members

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Lead by Example: The Value of Being Involved 2123-24 Anne Simpson (ΧΩ) & Sydney Schneider (ΦΜ),

Graduate Assistants, Student Activities

Money Skills 3003-04 Adam Mauldin, Financial Coach & Military

Service Outreach Coordinator & Gabe Giacoletto (ΦΔΘ), Financial Coach & Coaching Program Coordinator

WKU Athletics 3005 Scott Sweegan, WKU Senior Associate

Athletic Director

Public Speaking 3006-07 Olivia Hester (ΔΖ), The Simpson Firm:

Attorney at Law

Healthy Relationships 3020 Charlotte Elder (ΣΚ), Professor, Public

Relations & Advertising Programs at WKU

Greek Skills in the Career World 3023 Dr. Angie Jerome (ΚΔ), Professor & Assistant

Director of the School of Media & Communication

House Buying 101 3024 Donnie Eden, Home Loan Advisor, Prosperity

Mortgage

Life is a Balancing Act: Stress & Time Management 3025 Ashley East, Industrial-Organizational

Psychology Candidate, WKU



48th Annual

Greek Academic Program

April 1, 2025

Sponsored by Greek Affairs, Panhellenic Council,

National Pan-Hellenic Council, & InterFraternity Council

**Opening Remarks & Welcome of Special Guests**

*Yaniyah Taylor, National Pan-Hellenic Council Scholarship Director*

**Professor of the Year***Yaniyah Taylor, Panhellenic Council Scholarship Director*

**Presentation of Awards**

*Yaniyah Taylor, National Pan-Hellenic Council Scholarship Director*

*Eli Carter, InterFraternity Council Scholarship Director*

*Abigail Hayes, Panhellenic Council Scholarship Director*

**Recognition of Individual Academic Achievement**

Greek Hall of Fame

Highest Individual Achievement (by class)

**Recognition of Chapter Academic Achievement**

New Member Highest GPA

Active Member Highest GPA

Overall Member Highest GPA

Most Improved Chapters

Highest Overall Fraternity and Sorority (Fall and Spring Combined)

**Closing Remarks**

*Eli Carter, InterFraternity Council Scholarship Director*