Important Upcoming Dates

- **September 1** – UCA Football vs. Ole Miss, Oxford, MS
- **September 3** – Labor Day Holiday – Office of Student Life Closed
- **September 4** – Greek Judicial Board applications available
- **September 5** – Leadership Foundations, Topic: “What is Leadership?” - Randy Frazier, 5:00 PM, SC 223
  - OrgSync Refresher Training, 4-5 PM, SC 213
- **September 6** – Go Greek Information Night, 5 PM
  - SC Courtyard - each organization will have a “PR” table
  - No more than three (3) representatives per organization present at informational sessions
  - NPHC – SC Ballroom, set up by 4:30 PM
  - Panhellenic – SC 215, 225, set up by 5:30 PM
  - IFC – SC 214, set up by 5:30 PM
  - IGC – SC 213, set up by 5:15 PM
- **September 7-8** – Ideal retreat, Ferncliff
- **September 8** – UCA Football vs. Murray State, Murray, KY
- **September 9** – Greek Convocation, 6 PM, Reynolds Performance Hall, minimum 80 percent of each Greek organization must be in attendance
- **September 10-14** – IFC/IGC Recruitment Week
- **September 11** – Panhellenic Counselor Training
  - OrgSync Refresher Training, 8-9 AM, SC 215

A Time for Reflection and Support

Over the past week, Sigma Phi Epsilon lost a member of their brotherhood. The loss is felt not only by the members of Sig Ep, but also by many other Greek and non-Greek students at UCA. The men of the Arkansas Zeta Chapter have bonded together to collectively help each other through this time of loss. Many other Greek students from around campus have also reached out to the men of AR Zeta in their time of need. While loss is never an easy thing, having a family of over 900 other Greeks is an amazing testament to the strength of our community. The Student Life Office is also amazed by all the support. Our office would like to convey our deepest condolences for the family of this young man, the men of AR Zeta, and the countless other people whose lives’ he touched. AR Zeta is currently in the process of raising money for this young man’s family. Please contact Jacob Robinson, Chapter President, if you would like to donate. Also, a drop-in memorial service will be held on September 6 from 6:30-8:30 PM at New Life Church in Conway.

-Scott Isenga

OrgSync is Here!

With the help and support of the Student Government Association, Board of Trustees, Division of Student Services, and Information Technology department, OrgSync is now available to all UCA students, faculty, and staff. OrgSync is a web-hosted platform that will improve communication, planning, event scheduling, and advertising for all Registered Student Organizations (RSOs). UCA students are now able to browse, join, and communicate with RSOs in an easier fashion. In addition, students now have a centralized area to promote and view all events taking place at UCA. At this point, nearly 100 organizations have created a portal on OrgSync and approximately 3,500 individuals have created a profile. Meghan Thompson has been working hard to train all RSOs about proper utilization of the multiple aspects of OrgSync. Switching over to this powerful new system will take time, so please do not hesitate to explore and ask Meghan any questions that you may have.
Important Dates Cont.

**September 12** – Greek Judicial Board applications due, 4:30 PM, SC 207

**September 13** – Panhellic President’s Roundtable, X-Period

**September 14** – IFC/IGC Bid Acceptance, 4 PM, Old Main Front Steps
  - OrgSync Refresher Training, 3:30-4:30 PM, SC 213

**September 15** – RSO Officer Registration, Officer Background Check & RSO Fair Registration Forms Due on OrgSync
  - Greek Rosters Due on OrgSync
  - Greek Council Payments Due to Advisor
  - UCA Football vs. Bacone College, 6 PM, Estes Stadium (Purple Pride. Purple Power. – wear your purple!)

**September 16-22** – NPHC Week (Check NPHC Website for full calendar of events)

**September 17** – Homecoming Packets Available

**September 18** – Panhellenic Counselor Training

**September 19** – Ultimate Freshmen Championship (UFC) sponsored by DZ and Sig Ep, 6 PM, Intramural Fields
  - Stripe Out Promotions Table, 11-1 PM, SC lobby

**September 20** – RSO Fair, 10-2 PM, Student Center Courtyard

**September 21** – Bear Den Event: Stripe Out the Amp, 6-8 PM, Amphitheater

**September 22** – NPHC Leadership Launch, 9 AM, SC Ballroom, $25 registration fee due before September 20 to Student Life Office
  - Stripe Out Game, UCA vs. Sam Houston State, 3 PM, Estes Stad.

**September 24** – Panhellenic Branching Out New Member Night for Fall 2012 Panhellenic New Members, 6 PM, SC

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**2012 All Greek Summit Recap**

The Student Life Office held their annual All Greek Summit (AGS) on August 16 and 17 at Ferncliff Camp. AGS is a mandatory retreat for every active Greek organization. The retreat focuses on educating Greek students about a wide range of topics relating to Greek life at UCA, in Arkansas, and across the United States. This year, the Greek life staff hosted educational sessions and activities focusing on inter-Greek knowledge, unity, combating Greek stereotypes, recruitment, hazing prevention, and conflict resolution. From the reviews we received, students enjoyed AGS more this year than previously because of the new sessions focusing on combating stereotypes and Greek unity. Not only did the students grow closer together as a group, but they collectively discussed how their individual organizations and councils can work together to break down barriers and stereotypes. The Student Life Office would like to thank all of the students who attended the retreat. Our office looks forward to all of the improvements your leadership will bring to UCA Greek life over the coming academic year. If you have questions or need help with an action plan for the 2012-2013 school year, please contact your council advisor.

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**All Greek Highway Cleanup**

Panhellenic Council is coordinating an All Greek Highway pickup! How amazing would it be to see Greeks picking up garbage and debris from roadsides in Conway and the surrounding areas on the same day??! Well, it will happen on Sunday, October 21. Make sure you contact the local Highway Department to get your vests and trash bags. Also, if you do not have a designated area, please pick up an area in town that needs the love! We will meet in the BBA parking lot for a group picture rocking out in our orange vests and then each organization will head out to their areas. Remember to wear your block letter shirts so everyone can see that UCA Greeks are making a difference!

-Story submitted by Lindsey Osborne
Important Dates Cont.

**September 24-28** – National Hazing Prevention Awareness Week

**September 25** – Greek Goddess, 7 PM, Ida Waldran

**September 27** – RSO Training, 4 PM, Student Center, Mandatory for all RSOs and Greek groups, 2 reps per organization must attend

**September 30** – Amigo Cup Soccer Tournament

**September 30 – October 5** – IGC Service Week

**October 1-5** – Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week

**October 2** – Panhellenic Counselor Training

**October 3** – Homecoming Packets Due
  - Fatal Vision Activity, 11-1 PM, Alumni Circle

**October 3-4** – Fraternity and Sorority Coalition Assessment Consultation Visit

**October 4** – OrgSync Refresher Training, X-Period, SC 214

**October 5** – “Mudstock” AFA Mud Volleyball Tournament, “The Pit” behind physical plant
  - Bear Den Event at Mudstock
  - First Leadership Council Meeting, 6 PM, CLD

**October 6** – UCA Football vs. Nicholls, 6 PM, Estes Stadium

**October 8** – Sorority Recruitment Registration Opens - [https://uca.mycampusdirector.com/](https://uca.mycampusdirector.com/)

**October 9** – Homecoming Pictures, X-Period, McCastlain Fireplace Room
  - Panhellenic Counselor Training

**October 9** – Grad Central for Dec 2012 Grads, 9AM-5PM, UCA Bookstore

**October 10** – Grad Central for Dec 2012 Grads, 9-3PM, UCA Bookstore

Have a date/event that you would like to see listed? Email them to ucagreeks@gmail.com.

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Social Events Training

The Student Life Office and UCAPD hosted their first social events training for the semester on August 13. The training was primarily attended by Greek leaders and covered topics including social events registration, general risk management, proper party management, and working cooperatively with UCAPD. This year, UCAPD also taught students Verbal Judo, which is a set of strategies that any group can use to politely ask unwanted guests to leave an event. Overall, the session went well and our students once again learned how to hold safe events on and off campus.

SOAR and SOS

SOAR and SOS are officially over for the summer and all of the student staff members can finally get some sleep. Far too often the essential role of these groups are overlooked. The Student Life Office would like to thank all of those that served on SOAR and SOS over the summer. Every member did a fantastic job and helped to make UCA a new home for thousands of incoming freshman. Our office wishes each of you the best this year!

2012 Move In Day

Another UCA Move In Day has come and gone. This year, the opening of Bear Hall made things a bit more interesting and hectic. Even though it was a busy time, the UCA SOS team, Greek students, and FAST Movers came out in full force to help new students move into their residence halls. The best part about this year’s event, was the temperatures stayed relatively cool for the majority of the day. This made moving much easier and far less sweaty. The Student Life Office would like to thank all of SOS members, Greek students, and FAST Movers who made this year’s Move In Day a huge success!
**Important Council Information**

**IFC**

**IFC Fall Recruitment**

Fall recruitment will begin as soon as school starts. Groups can start bidding men on the first day of classes. While there is a “recruitment week,” organizations are encouraged to recruit 365/24/7. Here are important fall recruitment dates:

- **Aug. 30:** IFC Info Session
- **Sept. 6:** Go Greek! Info Night
- **Sept. 10-14:** IFC Recruitment Week
- **Sept. 14:** IFC Bid Acceptance

Individuals that are interested in signing up for IFC recruitment must first register on the IFC website or through OrgSync. All individuals who register must meet the minimum 2.3 GPA and 12 credit hour requirements in order to be considered eligible. If you have any questions about IFC recruitment dates, then please contact J.B. Rainwater, IFC VP of Recruitment.

**IGC**

**Fall 2012 IGC Service Week**

Members of IGC have decided that their fall 2012 service week will take place from September 30 through October 5. Below are a list of tentative events for the week:

- **Sept. 30:** Trash pick up
- **Oct. 1:** Nursing home visit
- **Oct. 3:** Soaring Wings field day
- **Oct. 4:** Humane Society visit
- **Oct. 5:** Beach Bash benefit concert

If your organization and/or council would like to participate in the service week, please contact Jesse Chambliss.

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**Conway Daze**

Conway Daze took place on August 22 at the UCA practice field. Thousands of students packed the field to learn more about student organizations and departments at UCA in addition to local Conway businesses. As always, free goodies and food were plentiful, so students not only left with tons of prizes, but also full stomachs. The best part of the event was that so many students attended and stayed for a long periods of time. This hopefully indicates that students are ready to get involved at UCA and in the Conway community. The Student Life Office would like to thank the Orientation Office for coordinating such a successful event!

**All Greek Council**

Since returning from AFLV 2012, many students talked with Student Life staff about the possibility of starting an All Greek Council (AGC). During the earlier part of the 2000’s, an AGC existed at UCA, but students eventually decided that it was no longer needed. In response to inquiries from our students about restarting the council, Greek leaders discussed what they would want for a new AGC at Greek Summit. Overwhelmingly, the students decided that they wanted to start a new group during the fall semester. The new AGC would include one representative from every active Greek organization and the main charges of the group would include the following:

1. Coordinate UCA Greek events at Homecoming, Greek Weekend, and All Greek Step Show.
2. Plan and execute all-Greek service and philanthropy events.
3. Improve communication and unity between all Greek organizations.
4. Work to improve the image and recruitment efforts of the UCA Greek community.
5. Assist with the development of a new Five Star Evaluation program.

The group will begin meeting this semester on a regular basis to start forming and planning. The AGC building process will take time, so please be patient. If you have any questions or concerns about AGC, please contact Scott or Lindsey.
**NPHC**

2012 Leadership Launch

The 2012 Leadership Launch will take place on September 22 from 8 AM – 3 PM in the Student Center Ballroom. Registration begins September 6 at Go Greek Info Night. There is a $25 registration fee due when signing up for the conference. Please register on or before September 20. Individuals interested in joining an NPHC organization must attend the Leadership Launch. If you have any questions, please contact Kaylon Bradford, NPHC Specialist.

2012 Transitions NPHC Step Show

The 2012 Transitions NPHC Step Show took place on August 28 in Ida Waldran. The step show is part of the Transitions program organized by the Multicultural Student Services office. Transitions is a series of activities which focuses on acquainting freshmen students campus life and meeting new people of color. During Transitions, freshmen are paired with an upper-class student who has gone through training to help them navigate the transition from high school to college. All seven active UCA NPHC chapters participated in the competition. In addition, members of the Conway Graduate Chapter of Kappa Xi Sigma, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. participated in the show. The performances were amazing and Ida Waldran was sold out by 8 PM. The Office of Student Life would like to thank everybody who attended and helped with this event.

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**Greek Life Assessment**

As part of our continuing efforts to improve Greek life at UCA, the Dean of Students and Student Life Offices have hired the Fraternity and Sorority Coalition Assessment Team to conduct a Greek life assessment on October 3 and 4. The assessment will be conducted by a team of four (4) fraternity and sorority professionals from across the country. Over the two day period, the team will hold interviews and focus groups to learn as much as possible about UCA Greek life. After the interviews are complete, the committee will compile the data into a single document for us to review and share with the UCA community. The over-arching goal of the assessment is to gain an outside, professional perspective on the strengths and improvement areas for our Greek community. To help with this process, we are asking that leaders from each organization set aside time during either of those days for potential interviews. As soon as a full schedule is compiled, we will share it with each Greek organization and their advisors. If you would like to know more about the assessment, please contact Scott.

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**Greek Alumni Advisory Board (GAAB)**

Greek Life at UCA is changing rapidly. We have made some decisions about Greek Village and anticipate a very busy year. The Vice President of Student Services, Ronnie Williams, has asked that we establish a Greek Alumni Advisor Board (GAAB) to include graduate members in this process. The board will consist of one graduate member from each UCA chapter. The graduate member does not have to be the current undergraduate advisor, but should be actively involved with the undergraduate chapter.

**Charge:** Promote positive development of UCA Greek Life. Act as a liaison between Greek alumni and UCA administration. Review and evaluate current and future policies, programs, and initiatives.

**Meeting Schedule:** 3 times a year – fall, spring, and summer

**Coordinator:** Wendy Holbrook

**First Meeting:** September 9, 2012

For more information, please contact Wendy Holbrook.

-Submitted by Wendy Holbrook
**Panhellenic**

*Panhellenic Recruitment Changes*

The Panhellenic Council has taken another step in the right direction to better align themselves with NPC's Manual of Information (MOI). On August 23, the council voted unanimously to endorse a letter written by the Panhellenic executive team, which identifies the MOI guidelines UCA Panhellenic is adopting. The change promotes a “Go Greek” atmosphere rather than recruiting specifically for one sorority throughout the fall semester. More information can be found [here](#).

-Submitted by Lindsey Osborne

**Panhellenic Counselor Retreat**

Panhellenic held their annual counselor (Pi Chi) retreat on August 3-4. The women spent time bonding overnight then participated in the ExCEL orienteering program at 4-H. They will train weekly throughout the fall 2012 semester and cultivate relationships with women interested in joining a sorority during the formal recruitment process in January 2013. They are ready and excited for a great semester!

-Submitted by Lindsey Osborne

**Dr. Lori Hart**

All Greek Convocation is rapidly approaching! This year, the Student Life Office has selected Dr. Lori Hart to speak with our Greek students on September 9. The event will take place at 6 PM in Reynolds Performance Hall and 85 percent of each active Greek organization is required to attend. Dr. Hart is a CAMPUSPEAK veteran who will be talking to our students about “Making Greek Great.” The program will challenge Greeks to look at their organizations and determine if they are living the values of their founders and appropriately representing their organizations each day. Dr. Hart will encourage Greek students to make responsible choices each day that reflect positively on themselves and their organizations. Students who attended AFLV Central in February had the chance to hear Dr. Hart speak and they let us know that she was one of their favorite at the conference. We are very excited to have Dr. Hart on our campus talking with our Greek students! If you would like more information about Dr. Hart, please visit her [webpage](#).

**Cinderella’s Closet Has a New Home!**

Panhellenic is happy to announce that the donated dresses for Cinderella’s Closet finally have a permanent home! They will now be stored in a room in the basement year-round for the annual event in the spring semester. Thanks to Hank Phelps for "giving" Panhellenic space, John Wages and his staff at the Physical Plant, and Charlotte Huckabay and Janell Kelley in the Student Center for organizing the dresses.

Panhellenic sells the dresses for $10 to high school women who might not be able to afford to buy a prom dress and attend prom. Donations are welcome year-round by calling 501-450-3235 or by dropping them off at the Office of Student Life located in the Student Center, Suite 207.

-Submitted by Lindsey Osborne
Congrats Blake!

Blake Brizzolara, a political science major and Honors College student, will attend the Democratic National Convention from Sept. 3-6 in Charlotte, N.C. Each presidential election year, The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars provides students an opportunity to study and volunteer to work at the Republican and Democratic National Conventions. Blake will do volunteer work within the party, work with different media outlets, and interview members of the Arkansas delegation. You can follow Blake through his blog at blogs.uca.edu/bbrizzolara1.

Blake is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and the Student Life Office is excited about this fantastic opportunity for Blake!

-Submitted by Allison Wallace

Greek Alumni Dinner

On August 21, the Student Life Office held the 2nd Annual Alumni dinner in the President’s Dining Room. The dinner is a way for our staff to thank advisors from each organization, update them on what is happening in the Greek community, and also get to know each other better. Highlights of the dinner included a brief update on the Greek Village project, information about All Greek Council, Greek Alumni Advisory Board (GAAB), alumni council meetings, and Parmesan Chicken breasts the size of a small football. The Student Life Office would like to thank each advisor who attended. Our office looks forward to working with each of you during the school year.

Greeks Give Back

The Student Life Office would like to thank all of the Greek students who helped with the recent school supply drive that took place at our local Wal Mart. Greeks not only give back to UCA, but they also volunteer and help the local community.