Important Upcoming Dates

August 3-4 – Panhellenic Retreat with counselors, Ferncliff
August 8-9 – SOAR Sessions
August 10 – Finals for thirteen week summer session classes, ten week session classes, and second five week session classes
  • Summer Commencement
August 11-12 – AFA retreat
August 13 – Social/Party Monitor and OrgSync training, 1-4 PM, Doyne Auditorium. Representatives from all Greek organizations must attend!
August 14-15 – SOS Training
August 16-17 – Greek Summit, President and Vice President of all Greek organizations must attend, Ferncliff
August 18 – SOS Team time
August 19-22 – WELCOME WEEK
August 19 – Move-In Day for new first year and transfer students
August 20 – Opening Convocation
  • Alcohol Speaker, Dr. Lori Hart, 5:30-7:00 PM, SC Ballroom
August 21 – Greek Life Session with first year students, 10:30-11:30 AM, Student Center Ballroom, ONLY one (1) representative per Greek organization plus council presidents
  • Greek Advisor dinner, 6:30 PM, President’s dining room
August 22 – “Guess Who’s Coming to Breakfast,” 9:30-11:30 AM
  • Conway Daze and RSO Fair, 3-5:30 PM, UCA Practice field off Bruce street
  • Basketball pep rally, 5:30 PM, Farris Center

Exclamation Points!

Some people love exclamation points and others cannot stand them. Whatever your stance, exclamation points are a way to signify that something is exciting. In this month’s newsletter, you will find plenty of exclamation points because a lot of exciting things happened in July. The most important thing that happened this month involved multiple chapters and individuals winning awards at national conventions. These awards, more than anything else, prove that our Greek students are amazing. If you disagree with this statement, then I encourage you to take a look at our grades from the spring 2012 semester. Once again, our 933 Greek students achieved high grade point averages than the general student population at UCA. Did I also mention that UCA Greeks received a positive nod from President Courtway in his 2011-2012 President’s Report? With this in mind, be excited for our Greek students and all of their accomplishments over the past year. I know I am excited for all of them and what is yet to come during the 2012-2013 academic year.

-Scott Isenga

Oz Wins National Award!

The Student Life Office is happy to announce that Lindsey “Oz” Osborne is a national award winner! At the 2012 national convention for Alpha Sigma Alpha, Lindsey received the 2011-2012 Outstanding Fraternity/Sorority Advisor Award. This award is presented to multiple fraternity and sorority advisors across the nation by Alpha Sigma Alpha. Award winners are nominated by undergraduate members and/or chapters of Alpha Sigma Alpha and finalists are selected by National Headquarters staff. Out of the thousands of advisors across the United States, Oz was chosen as one of the most outstanding. Lindsey has worked tirelessly with the women of Panhellenic since 2008, so this award is well deserved. The Student Life Office and Division of Student Services would like to thank Lindsey for her continued dedication to UCA and our Greek community. We are all very proud to have Lindsey working with us each day.
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<td>At our National Convention, the Delta Tau chapter won two awards. First, our chapter won the Academic Achievement Award. This award recognizes chapters achieving a 3.0 GPA or higher for initiated and new members. Delta Tau won the Three Star Standards of Excellence Award, which is Sigma Kappa's most prestigious collegiate award. The Three Star Award is presented to chapters meeting and/or exceeding all Sigma Kappa minimum standards. These standards include high performance in the areas of membership, financial management, philanthropy, scholarship, public relations, ritual, recruitment, leadership, new member education, alumnae relations, and campus involvement. Delta Tau is honored to win these prestigious awards.</td>
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-Story submitted by Mallory Ferguson

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<td>A lot of important events are taking place over the next month in the Greek world! Be sure that you are checking out the calendar in the purple section and making sure that your brothers/sisters are attending all required retreats, trainings, and social events. Some of the more important events coming up that you will want to mark on your calendar include Social Events Policy and OrgSync training, Greek Summit, Move In Day, Opening Convocation speaker Dr. Lori Hart, Conway Daze, Greek Advisor Dinner, start of fall classes, Transitions NPHC Step Show, Greek Convocation, recruitment dates, leadership events, and UCA football games! You can also check out the calendar on the Student Life website. If you have any questions, please contact your council advisor.</td>
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<td>UCA Housing will be offering an early move in on Saturday, August 18th for upperclassmen living in Farris, New, Baridon and the apartments only. Check-in will be from 9am-noon. There is no need to contact the Housing Office or Greek Office if you are wanting to move in at that time. Just show up on the 18th from 9am-noon! If you cannot make that time or your hall is not on the above list, Housing looks forward to seeing you on Sunday, August 19th for all campus move in day!</td>
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Important Council Information

IFC
Spring 2012 Grade Report

Grades for the spring 2012 semester are now available on the Greek Grades section of the UCA Greek life website. Below are spring 2012 chapter grades for each NPHC organization:

Kappa Sigma: 2.761
Phi Gamma Delta: 3.058
Phi Lambda Chi: 2.558
Phi Sigma Kappa: 2.521
Pi Kappa Alpha: 2.674
Sigma Nu: 2.958
Sigma Phi Epsilon: 3.227

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

All open events for the fall 2012 semester recruitment week must be submitted to Scott Isenga by August 10, 2012 at 4:30 PM. These dates will be used for recruitment publications in the fall semester, so late submissions may be omitted. If your organization has questions about fall recruitment then please contact Greg Brooks. Start recruiting now!

Congratulations to Miss UCA!

Miss UCA Morgan Holt was named first runner-up in the 2012 Miss Arkansas pageant. Morgan is a senior history major at UCA and a member of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority. For being named first runner-up, Morgan was awarded an $8,000 scholarship. She also won overall presence and poise in evening gown and was given a $1,000 scholarship. Holt also received an $800 scholarship for winning preliminary presence and poise in evening gown. The Student Life Office would like to congratulate Morgan on this amazing accomplishment! If you would like to read more about Morgan and the Miss Arkansas pageant, please check out the full story here.

2011-2012 President’s Report

UCA President, Tom Courtway, recently released his President’s Report for the 2011-2012 academic year. The report highlights many of the positive things that have taken place around UCA’s campus over the past year. Part of the report included information about general UCA Greek life statistics, IFC and IGC council growth, Panhellenic’s Cinderella’s Closet fundraiser, and IFC’s first annual “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” event. Please take a minute to read over the report and learn about more of the great things happening at UCA. The Student Life Office would like to thank Mr. Courtway for his continued support of our general student and Greek organizations over the past year.

Delta Zeta Wins National Award!

The Epsilon Xi Chapter of Delta Zeta at UCA recently received a National Outstanding Programming Award. Winning chapters in this category understand the importance of providing its members with meaningful and relevant programs that incorporate real life experience and examples. Epsilon Xi held a four part programming series focusing on Business Etiquette and Financial Preparedness over the 2011-2012 academic year. The program featured guest speakers from the university and local business community. Topics of the program included, Resume Building, Financial Success, Interview and Resume Critic and Dining Etiquette. The Student Life Office would like to congratulate the ladies of Epsilon Xi on their award!
IGC
Spring 2012 Grade Report
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Beta Upsilon Chi: 3.159
Sigma Phi Lambda: 3.594

NPHC
Spring 2012 Grade Report
Grades for the spring 2012 semester are now available on the Greek Grades section of the UCA Greek life website. Below are spring 2012 chapter grades for each NPHC organization:
Alpha Kappa Alpha: 2.521
Alpha Phi Alpha: 2.757
Delta Sigma Theta: 2.668
Kappa Alpha Psi: 2.660
Omega Psi Phi: 2.663
Phi Beta Sigma: 2.662
Zeta Phi Beta: 2.876

Panhellenic
Spring 2012 Grade Report
Grades for the spring 2012 semester are now available on the Greek Grades section of the UCA Greek life website. Below are spring 2012 chapter grades for each Panhellenic organization:
Alpha Sigma Alpha: 3.381
Alpha Sigma Tau: 3.050
Delta Zeta: 3.301
Sigma Kappa: 3.078
Sigma Sigma Sigma: 3.080

Student Life Office Staff Retreat
The Office of Student Life hosted a staff retreat on July 17 in the Brewer-Hegeman Conference Center. Activities during the retreat included a tour of the new disc golf course, self defense training, planning for the new academic year, team building activities hosted by the Counseling Center, and a meeting with Mr. Williams. This is the first retreat the staff members have had in a few years, so the time together was well spent. The staff plans to hold smaller meetings throughout the remainder of the summer to further prepare for the upcoming academic year. The Student Life Office would like to thank UCAPD, the Counseling Center, and Mr. Williams for being part of our retreat. If you would like to know more about the retreat and/or plans for the upcoming year, please contact your council advisor.

Sigma Nu Wins National Awards!
The Lambda Phi Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity was awarded the “Increase in Manpower” award. The award is given to chapters whose manpower increased 25% from Fall 2011 through Spring 2012.

Also, we were awarded the “Excellence in Values-based Leadership” award. It recognizes chapters that achieve an overall level of “Excellence” in values based leadership for the 2011-2012 academic year. It measures overall campus involvement on executive boards, and this year we had members active on the SGA, IFC (2), Model United Nations, and UCA Young Democrats executive boards as well as active in multiple other organizations.

Jack Phillips was awarded the Alpha Affiliate award which is given to 10 brothers out of all Sigma Nu chapters each year. The award is given to those brothers who serve as models of the ideals and values of Sigma Nu. Other evaluations are based on demonstrated leadership within the fraternity and on campus.

-Story submitted by Jake Logan
July 2012 SOAR Photos

Alpha Sigma Alpha Wins National Awards!

The ladies of the Beta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha had an incredible time at national convention this summer and were honored with prestigious awards. The first award received by Alpha Sig was the Scholastic Achievement Award. This award is presented to the collegiate chapter with the highest GPA for a school term. Alpha Sig was also presented the Attain Chapter Award. This award is given to chapters that have upheld their role, responsibility and commitment to being an energizing influence in the future of their chapter and Alpha Sigma Alpha. Lastly, Jessica Gambill received the Elizabeth Bird Small Award, which is regarded as the highest honor that our sorority can bestow upon an undergraduate member. It recognizes outstanding academic excellence, leadership talents within the chapter and substantial commitments and accomplishments within campus and community environments. Alpha Sig is honored to have received these awards and is motivated to start another great year at UCA.

-Story submitted by Callie Holthouse

Support Kaylon!

Kaylon Bradford, a UCA and Alpha Phi Alpha alumnus, and current intern in the Student Life Office is hoping to become the next host of BET’s 106 & Park. 106 & Park is currently holding a nationwide search for their next hosts. Kaylon has previously interned at 106 & Park and would love to return, so he has submitted a video entry. Please take the time to watch his YouTube video and hit the “Like” button. Also, if you are on Twitter, then please use the hashtags #KaylonBlakefor106 and #106TheSearch to show your support. Kaylon has been a tremendous help to the Student Life Office, the Greek Special Events Committee, and NPHC, so please help support his dream. If you have any questions, you can connect with Kaylon on Twitter.

Check out the Spring 2012 All Greek Grade Report here!
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Panhellenic Fall 2012 Kickoff Retreat Recap

The Panhellenic Council held a fall kickoff retreat July 27-29 in Hot Springs. They spent the weekend bonding, planning, and discussing the future of the Panhellenic Council and Association. Items covered on the retreat agenda included: Upcoming Pi Chi retreat on August 3-4, fall 2012 Continuous Open Bidding (COB) process, council finances, assessment of goals set in January of 2012, the ins and outs of the Release Figure Method (RFM) and bid matching process, creation of a Fall 2012 calendar for recruitment events, and discussion of reformating existing recruitment rules and addition of several new rules. The women did an amazing job and the council looks forward to a productive and exciting semester!!

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