Get Active! Get Involved!

In a little over two weeks, the 2013-2014 academic year will begin. Kind of scary, huh? Our staff is not really sure where the summer went, but we are excited to have students back on campus. A lot has happened over the summer and we have been planning some amazing things for the upcoming fall and spring semesters. We are hoping to make this year memorable, but we cannot do this unless each of you are engaged. Therefore, we are asking that each of you take some role, no matter how big or small, in helping to create a fantastic 2013-2014 academic year. Whether as an active leader, engaged alumnus/alumnae, or diligent student; we need your help in creating a memorable and amazing year. We want each of you to give back in your own unique manners in order to create something amazing, because frankly, we know there is amazing potential in the UCA fraternity/sorority community. Knowing this, we encourage each of you to get fully engaged this year and make an impact. We look forward to what we can accomplish together in 2013-2014!

-Scott Isenga

New Faces in Student Life

On August 5, two new faces joined the Office of Student Life staff. Jaclyn Austin (pictured right) is our new office Graduate Assistant and Crystin Amato (pictured left) is our fall 2013 Fraternity/Sorority Life Practicum Student. Both Jaclyn and Crystin are UCA alums that are currently pursuing their Master’s Degree in College Student Personnel Administration. In her role, Jaclyn will assist with the Recognized Student Organization (RSO) registration and renewal process, OrgSync operations, planning and executing Student Life events, data collection and reporting, and daily office operations. In her position, Crystin will primarily assist Panhellenic in their preparation and coordination of fall 2013 formal recruitment. Crystin will also be learning about OrgSync and assisting with any RSO operational needs. The Office of Student Life staff members are very excited to have both of these wonderful women join our team this fall!
Important Dates Cont.

August 27 – NPHC Greek Expo
- Pi Chi Training, 6PM
- First Fraternity/Sorority Council Meetings

August 28 – Greek 101, 4:30-6PM, Doyne Health Science Auditorium
- Panhellenic Recruitment Event, 6PM

August 29 – UCA Football vs. University of the Incarnate Word, 7PM, Estes Stadium

August 30-31 – IDEAL Retreat

September 2 – Labor Day Holiday, Student Life Office Closed

September 3 – Leadership Launch Registration Begins
- Greek 101, 5:30-7PM, SC 205A/B
- Pi Chi Training, 6PM

September 4 – Pre-Recruitment Panhellenic Meeting, 6PM, Panhellenic Council, Recruitment Directors, Advisors Must Attend

September 5 – Greek 101, X-Period, COB Auditorium
- Panhellenic Recruitment Event, 5:30PM

September 6 – RSO Renewal Due via OrgSync

September 7 – RSO Renewal Due via OrgSync UCA Football vs. Colorado, 7PM, Boulder, CO

September 8 – Panhellenic Chapter Training (for every member of an NPC organization), 7:30PM, Ida Waldran

September 9 – Homecoming Court Nominations Open on OrgSync

Greek 101 Update

Greek 101 is being revamped due to the new recruitment policies. The new format will require that every individual interested in joining a fraternity or sorority must attend a Greek 101 session prior to accepting a bid for membership. Multiple sessions will be offered before IFC, IGC, and Panhellenic bid days in the fall and spring semesters. After bid days, at least one session will be offered per month for the remainder of each fall and spring semester. All interested individuals, regardless of their college classification, must attend one session in order to be eligible to accept a bid during that academic year. No exceptions will be granted for the aforementioned guidelines regarding Greek 101 and/or accepting bids. Subjects covered during Greek 101 will include academic success, risk management, and hazing awareness. A full listing of Greek 101 dates are available online. More specific questions can be directed to your council advisor.

UCA Upperclassman Move-In Day

UCA Housing Move-In Days are quickly approaching! If you or other upperclassman members of your organization will be moving into an on-campus residence at the start of the fall 2013 semester, here is some important information:

Saturday, August 17 - Upperclassman Move-In Day

9:00 am - Noon

*Upperclass students may move in if their housing assignments are completed:
- SYE in Baridon Hall (3rd Floor)
- EPIC in Bear Hall (4th Floor)
- Farris Hall
- New Hall
- Bear Village apartments
- Erbach, Torreyson, or Oak Tree apartments
- Stadium Park apartments
- Western Heights apartments

*There will not be SOS/Fast-Movers on this day.*

-Submitted by Stephanie McBrayer
Important Council Information

IFC

Fall 2013 Recruitment Dates

With the switch to delayed recruitment occurring this fall, recruitment dates have already been set. Please pencil the dates below into your calendar for the fall 2013 semester:

- **September 15**: IFC/IGC House Rotations
- **September 16-19**: IFC/IGC Recruitment Week
- **September 20**: IFC/IGC Bid Day

IGC

Fall 2013 Recruitment Dates

Below are tentative fall 2013 recruitment dates for IGC.

- **September 10**: IGC Council Recruitment Event
- **September 11-12**: Sigma Phi Lambda Recruitment
- **September 15**: IFC/IGC Fraternity House Rotations
- **September 16**: Sigma Phi Lambda Recruitment Event
- **September 16-19**: IFC/IGC Fraternity Recruitment Week
- **September 20**: IFC/IGC Bid Day and Sigma Phi Lambda Bid Day

Updated Fraternity/Sorority Eligibility Requirements

With the move to Delayed Recruitment at UCA, there have been changes made to the minimum University standards to join a fraternity or sorority. These changes were made in consultation with Inter-/National organizations and/or council standards, alumni input, faculty/staff recommendations, and student opinions. From these multiple sources, a new University policy has been reached and will be placed in the 2013-2014 UCA Student Handbook. Please remember that these minimum standards are set by the University and any fraternity/sorority can set a higher standard if they choose. A full explanation of the new minimum standards are listed below and are also available on the Greek life website.

1. *Must be enrolled as a full-time student (12 hours)*
2. *Entering freshmen must have at least a 2.5 high school GPA; current/transfer students must have at least a 2.5 college GPA.*
3. *Must complete a Greek Life Orientation Session hosted by the Office of Student Life BEFORE participating in the recruitment process or being extended an invitation to membership.*

2013 Greek Summit

Greek Summit will take place August 12-13 at Ferncliff Camp. The President and Vice President from every active, recognized fraternity and sorority are required to attend. Please remember that this is an overnight retreat and participants must bring their own linens, pillows, clothing, towels, and toiletries. If you have questions or presentation topic suggestions, please contact your council advisor.

All Greek Judicial Board Applications

Greek Judicial Board Applications opened via OrgSync on July 1, 2013. The applications are due by 11:45 PM on September 10, 2013. Please make sure to read all application directions before completing the online form. All application questions must be completed and individuals must schedule an interview time in order to be considered for a position on the Board. If you have any questions about the All Greek Judicial Board or the application process, please contact Lindsey or Scott.
Panhellenic

Fall 2013 Recruitment Registration

Registration for Panhellenic sorority recruitment is now open and interested individuals must register [here](#) by September 1, 2013. Below are some frequently asked Panhellenic sorority registration questions.

1. The cost to register for recruitment is 70 dollars. This fee can be paid in the Office of Student Life (Student Center 207) or online with a credit/debit card. There is an additional five (5) dollar fee for online payments. Online payments will be made following the completion of the registration process.

2. Legacy and/or recommendation paperwork should be mailed directly to the sorority. That information can be found [here](#).

3. All women interested in fall 2013 recruitment must join Panhellenic Council’s portal on OrgSync. Directions for joining the portal are available [here](#).

4. Potential New Members (PNMs) will not be contacted by their Pi Chi until Welcome Week.

5. Additional answers to many common questions can be found [here](#).

Greek Advisor Dinner

The 2013 Greek Advisor Dinner will take place on August 7 at 6:30 PM in the President’s Dining Room (Christian Cafeteria). This is a way for our staff members to update each organization on our initiatives, changes around campus, and plans for the upcoming school year. This is also a great opportunity for advisors to ask questions of our staff, get to know us better, and build relationships with other advisors. We are hoping that at least one advisor from each organization will be in attendance on August 7. Please confirm with your council advisor if you will be attending as soon as possible. Thanks and the Office of Student Life looks forward to the start of another great academic year with all of our fraternity/sorority advisors!

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