The Fraternity and Sorority Connection

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE ADVISOR REMARKS

The Fall semester is wrapping up, and with it, the terms of office for current chapter and council officers. I'm proud of the accomplishments of our groups. Some highlights from the semester have included:

- The unveiling of the Fraternity & Sorority Life Rock Garden. This project, initiated by two Student Government Senators a couple of years ago, was approved by university administration. Our councils and chapters all selected rocks and painted them prior to Homecoming Weekend. This project gives our chapters a visible presence on campus, in a high-traffic area.
- The inaugural FSL/Family Weekend Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. During the university's Family Weekend, we partnered with Crossroads Campus Ministry and hosted a pancake breakfast fundraiser in their space. The event drew 130+ attendees and was a huge success, benefitting our councils and their programming efforts.
- A change in recruitment for Panhellenic Council. The women transitioned to a Partially Structured Recruitment. This process provided both chapters and potential members with more flexibility. 60 women have joined sororities this semester.
- A strong start to men's recruitment. 45 men accepted bids to become new members in fraternities. As of the time of this newsletter, 35 of them are on track to be initiated.
- The beginning of a strategic planning process. A committee has been formed, and a new 3-5 year strategic plan will be developed by the end of the academic year. Be on the lookout for an e-mailed survey asking for your feedback!

This year's chapter presidents and council officers are to be commended for their work and dedication. They'll be recognized, and our incoming officers will be installed at a ceremony on Sunday, December 3. We look forward to working with them to further our community.

If you're visiting campus anywhere in the near future, please stop by and say hi!

-John Bulcock Poline

Assistant Director of Student Activities

HELP SUPPORT THE MARIE BRUCE AWARD

Previously, we have put out calls for support of the Marie Bruce Award. We are immensely thankful to the alumni and friends who have made gifts to further support this award, ensuring that it will be awarded for at least the next three years.

This award, the highest honor a member of our community can receive, is named after Marie Bruce, our university's former Dean of Women. She was instrumental in developing Fraternity & Sorority Life here. Recipients of this award have been benefiting from an endowment that was established at the time of Ms. Bruce's death. For several years, each recipient was awarded a \$250 scholarship. For the past two years, thanks to generous gifts, we were able to award two \$750 scholarships, and we hope to continue this and ultimately double that amount. Additional support is needed in order to continue awarding the scholarship beyond the next three years. If you are interested in honoring Marie Bruce's legacy and helping us continue to honor the best our Fraternity & Sorority Community has to offer, please consider a gift to the Marie Bruce fund, which is administered by the Minnesota State University, Mankato Foundation. Gifts may be made online at www.mnsu.edu/giving, or they may be sent to:

Minnesota State University, Mankato Foundation 121 Alumni & Foundation Center Mankato, MN 56001

Please reference "Marie Bruce-335020" when making your gift. There is an immediate need for contributions that can be awarded from the fund annually for the next 3-5 years. As college costs have risen, the \$500 award we provide may not cover even the cost of a student's books for a semester. We would love to be able to increase this award to \$1000-1500 and be able to present it to one man and one woman perpetually. In order to reach that level, the scholarship endowment must increase by \$40,000-65,000. If you are interested in discussing a larger gift or pledge that would bolster the endowment and allow us to increase the scholarship award and ensure its long-term sustainability, please contact Sarah Lee, Director of Development for Student Affairs, at sarah.lee@mnsu.edu or 507-389-6180.

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FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS: A YEAR IN REVIEW:

This community continues to change, grow, and improve. Specifically with recruitment transitioning to a new style and creating another position on PHC for it. We got to bond while attending AFLV in person for the 1st time since COVID. We have seen the development of the FSL Rock Garden and much more. We continue to get more involved with other student organizations on campus and participate in more service events to give back. Our diversity & outreach positions have made great efforts to implement an education program for the community and continue to work towards more collaboration with all members of campus no matter their background. This has been a busy and fun year through all the ups and downs. The next council will have a great 2024 term to come with all they will get to see and do!

- Morgan Rusler, 2023 Panhellenic Council President

What a year it's been. Lots of ups and downs, but we prevailed through it all. I couldn't be prouder to be the representative for such a great group of people who work their butts off all year for the organizations that we all love. I couldn't have done it without everyone. We had great year recruiting, and with retention. A lot of life is "back to normal" after Covid, although we are figuring out what the new normal is. I know that the new leadership team will keep the momentum going and continue to make Greek life on this campus flourish.

- Collin Jutting, 2023 Interfraternity Council President



2023 AND 2024 INTERFRATERNITY AND PANHELLENIC COUNCIL PRESIDENTS GATHER AFTER THEIR ELECTION MEETINGS. FROM LEFT: COLLING JUTTING ($\Phi K\Psi$, 2023 IFC PRESIDENT), KADEN SCHAFER (ΣN , 2024 IFC PRESIDENT), ALYSSA MCCULLOUGH ($\Sigma \Sigma \Sigma$, 2024 PHC PRESIDENT), AND MORGAN RUSLER ($\Delta \Sigma A$, 2023 PHC PRESIDENT)



MEMBERS OF THE FSL COMMUNITY WHO WERE SELECTED FOR HOMECOMING COURT GATHER AT THEIR RECOGNITION RECEPTION BEFORE LIP SYNC.



MEMBERS OF PHI KAPPA PSI ENJOY PANCAKES AT THE INAUGURAL FAMILY WEEKEND PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER.



NEW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN SORORITY RECRUITMENT GATHER BY THE FOUNTAIN BEFORE THE BIG BID DAY REVEAL.



THE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL HELD ELECTIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS. SOME OF THEM GATHERED HERE FOR A PHOTO OPP.



MEMBERS OF PHI DELTA THETA HOST A TABLE AT MAVFEST DURING FALL RECRUITMENT.



CELEBRATING A MILESTONE: ACTIVE MEMBERS AND ALUMNI OF THE SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY GATHERED FOR THEIR CHAPTER'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18.



Fraternity and Sorority Life Community **Mission Statement**

The Fraternities and Sororities at Minnesota State University, Mankato take pride in serving the University and the greater Mankato area. We are a community of campus leaders committed to excellence in scholarship and to promoting dynamic personal growth of members, focusing on the development of experiential leadership, and the fostering of lasting relationships.

Fraternity and Sorority Life Community Core Values

- Leadership
- Friendship
- Scholarship
- Service

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