

THE GREEK ALUMNI CONNECTION



MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO
FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

WINTER 2019

GREEK ADVISOR'S CORNER



Fall Semester is in the Books!

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the holiday season and prepping for our annual snap into winter! The Fall semester has been a busy one for our Fraternity and Sorority Community

A quick recap of some of the goings-on with our organizations and community:

- The Fraternity and Sorority Community saw modest growth in recruitment numbers. Final Fall membership statistics will be calculated in early January.
- The fraternity and sorority community worked hard to develop more intentional partnerships with other groups on campus. Some of the efforts and accomplishments and included:
 - Starting off the Fall Semester with a joint retreat involving Student Government, the Student Events Team (programming board), and our own Fraternity & Sorority Life leadership.
 - IFC and PHC officers chairing the planning committee for the sixth annual U-Lead Conference, a general leadership conference open to all students. The event was co-hosted by Fraternity & Sorority Life, Student Government, the Kearney International Center, the Residence Hall Association, Delta Sigma Pi, and our Leadership-U board.
 - Diversity & Outreach officers working with the International Center, Multicultural Affairs, the LGBT Center, and more to develop a menu of educational programming that our chapters can use in their efforts to become more inclusive and welcoming groups.
 - Community leadership working with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee to resurrect "The Herd," an organization focused on rallying student support around our intercollegiate athletics teams.
 - Risk Management officers working with Student Health Services to enhance our educational programming and training in relation to noticing and preventing alcohol overdose.
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, a historically Black fraternity continues to work towards achieving an independent charter for a chapter on campus.
- In Spring 2020, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, a historically Black sorority, intends to establish a chapter at Minnesota State Mankato.
- During the Weekend of February 29, Phi Delta Theta will be celebrating its 55th anniversary on campus.

If you're on or near campus, I hope you'll stop by to say hi!

John Bulcock



For the first time ever, Fraternity & Sorority Life leadership, Student Government, and the Student Events Team gathered for a joint retreat at Camp Patterson in August 2019. This led to increased collaboration between these visible and influential student groups.

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OFFICERS RECOGNIZED

On Sunday, December 8, the Fraternity & Sorority Community recognized the outgoing 2019 Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council officers and Chapter Presidents and welcomed the 2020 leadership. Those honored include:

2019 Panhellenic Council Officers

President – Catherine Nelson, AXΩ
 VP of Council Management – Courtney Kranz AΣA
 VP of Recruitment – Addie Erickson ΓΦΒ
 VP of Member Education & Development – Chelsie Bath AXΩ
 VP of Public Relations & Marketing – Brooke Larson AXΩ
 VP of Community Service & Philanthropy – Kylie Morton ΣΣΣ
 VP of Risk Management – Sara Swan ΓΦΒ
 VP of Conduct Review – Lynsey Rohlfling AXΩ
 VP of Diversity & Outreach – Laura Daly AXΩ

2019 Interfraternity Council Officers

President – Matt McDavid, ΦΚΨ
 VP of Council Management – James Framke, ΦΚΨ
 VP of Recruitment – Breckin Grinnell, ΣΝ
 VP of Member Education & Development – Reece Podgorski, ΦΚΨ
 VP of Marketing & Public Relations – Chris Xiong, ΣΝ
 VP of Community Service & Philanthropy – Ryan McCormick, ΣΝ
 VP of Risk Management – Cody McShane, ΦΚΨ
 VP of Conduct Review – Luke Camden, ΣΝ
 VP of Diversity & Outreach – Walle Sunden, ΣΝ

2019 Chapter Presidents

Courtney Myers, Alpha Sigma Alpha
 Celeste Schildgen, Alpha Chi Omega
 Jordan Schindler, Gamma Phi Beta
 Erin Kromminga, Sigma Sigma Sigma
 James Henry, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
 Brent Prodahl, Lambda Chi Alpha
 Hunter Brings, Sigma Nu
 Tyler Shafer, Sigma Chi
 Alec Rynda, Tau Kappa Epsilon
 Zachary Wickman, Phi Kappa Psi
 Dylan Benson, Phi Delta Theta

2020 Panhellenic Council Officers

President – Sara Swan, ΓΦΒ
 VP of Council Management – Chaise Benjamin, ΓΦΒ
 VP of Recruitment – Anna Thevenot, AΣA
 VP of Member Education & Development – Hanna Jack ΓΦΒ
 VP of Public Relations & Marketing – Emily Rodgers, ΓΦΒ
 VP of Community Service & Philanthropy – Lynsey Rohlfling AXΩ
 VP of Risk Management – Taylor McNulty AΣA
 VP of Conduct Review – Madison Stone AXΩ
 VP of Diversity & Outreach – Megan Miland, AΣA

2020 Interfraternity Council Officers

President – Reece Podgorski, ΦΚΨ
 VP of Council Management – Joseph Casey, ΦΚΨ
 VP of Recruitment – Samuel Graves, ΛXA
 VP of Member Education & Development – Carson Leshner ΛXA
 VP of Marketing & Public Relations – Samuel Ure, ΣΝ
 VP of Community Service & Philanthropy – Lucas Sack, ΦΚΨ
 VP of Risk Management – Zane Coyle, TKE
 VP of Conduct Review – Zachary Wickman, ΦΚΨ
 VP of Diversity & Outreach – Spencer Cannon, ΣΝ

2020 Chapter Presidents

Clare Kasten, Alpha Sigma Alpha
 Catherine Nelson, Alpha Chi Omega
 Addie Erickson, Gamma Phi Beta
 Alanna Smith, Sigma Sigma Sigma
 Bill Busuri, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
 Brandon Leyde, Lambda Chi Alpha
 Ryan McCormick, Sigma Nu
 Mitchel Goheen, Sigma Chi
 Derek Springis, Tau Kappa Epsilon
 Cody McShane, Phi Kappa Psi
 Benjamin Perry, Phi Delta Theta



SORORITY WOMEN CELEBRATE FALL 2019 BID DAY



Six graduating members gathered at the FSL Graduation Ceremony on November 19, 2019. 21 members of the Fraternity & Sorority Community will graduate in December 2019.



Outgoing Panhellenic President Cat Nelson (center left) and incoming Panhellenic President Sara Swan (center right) celebrate with John Bulcock and Anna Sunderman, FSL Graduate Advisor, at the Officer Recognition Ceremony on December 8.

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 benefitting 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 \$500 scholarships, and we plan to do the same this spring, or, hopefully, increase 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
126 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 John Bulcock, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity & Sorority Life, at john.bulcock@mnsu.edu or 507-389-6076.

Greek 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.

Greek Community Core Values

- Leadership
- Friendship
- Scholarship
- Service



YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE



Membership in Phi Delta Theta and the Minnesota State Fraternity and Sorority Community, completely changed my life. I built lifelong relationships with my brothers and community members that I will cherish forever. Various positions within my chapter, as well as on the Interfraternity Council, helped me apply knowledge and skills acquired from classes right into the real world – something not many other organizations on campus can provide. Being a fraternity man has helped me grow as a leader and an individual. I've been able to learn about myself and challenge myself in ways I would've never thought possible.

Being named a recipient of the Marie Bruce Fraternity Man of the Year Award was a huge honor. Not only did the scholarship provide additional support to furthering myself academically, it also provided motivation for me to continue to working toward becoming the greatest version of myself – both in the classroom and in the fraternity.

Brett Marshall, 2019 Graduate and Marie Bruce Fraternity Man of the Year Award and Scholarship Recipient

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