On behalf of SDSU’s Panhellenic Association, we would like to welcome you to San Diego State University and Recruitment 2005. Recruitment is an exciting and fun time. We hope to make Going Greek in 2005 a memorable experience for each and everyone of you.

Being involved in the Greek Community, allows you to be exposed to a co-curricular experience with many opportunities of leadership and personal development. By becoming a Greek, you have a better chance of developing your academics and communication skills, which will not only enhance your college experience, but your LIFE.

Our nine sororities are anxiously awaiting your arrival and can’t wait to welcome you into their lives. We know you will have a great experience and will decide to join our family. We wish you luck and a safe arrival to SDSU. See you soon!

SDSU Panhellenic Council

What is Recruitment?

Recruitment is a week where prospective members visit sorority chapters and become acquainted will all aspects of sorority life. Through informal conversation, service projects, and planned activities, you will have opportunities to meet members from each individual chapter. Membership selection is a mutual process. Sororities are interested in members from diverse backgrounds and academic pursuits. Each sorority has something unique to offer, just as you have something equally unique to offer. On the first two days, you will visit every sorority. Each day thereafter, you will receive schedules from sororities and you will prioritize which ones you want to visit. After the last round (Preference Night), both potential new members and sororities will submit their preferences and a matching process will be used to issue the invitations to join (Bids). Most potential new members are matched to their first or second choice. Because sorority membership is by invitation, one cannot guarantee that all participants will receive bids.
All Panhellenic sororities operate chapter houses and provide housing for approximately half of their members. Small group living is one of the benefits of the Greek experience at SDSU. In fact, sorority living is less expensive than living in on-campus residence halls. Normally, members DO NOT live in the chapter house during their initial semester and students who live in on-campus residence halls should not plan to live in the chapter house until the following fall semester since on-campus housing contracts are for the academic year. Some sororities require that members live in the house at sometime during their active membership; exceptions are made for those members who live with their parents in San Diego.

Sorority membership is for life, not just for the years that you are at SDSU. The recruitment registration fee is $35 if paid by September 6 (late registration is $45). To cover the benefits of the lifetime membership, onetime fees are paid at the time of pledging and again at initiation. These one time fees average $80 at pledging and $150 at initiation (the average new member period, from bid day to initiation, is six weeks). Sororities also have a onetime housing fund fee that averages $200, frequently payable in installments. Monthly fees while in college average $190 per month for women not living in the chapter house and $720 per month for those living in (which includes dues, rent and meals). (For comparison purposes, the cost per month for room and board in an on-campus residence hall is approximately $980) More complete financial information for each chapter will be provided for you during the recruitment process.

Sorority Living:

Financial Obligations:

Famous Sorority Women

Georgia O’Keeffe - Artist
Ali Landry - Miss USA 1996
Dianne Feinstein - California Senator
Katie Couric - TV News Anchor
Laura Bush, First Lady of the United States
Kimberly Williams - Actress
Condoleezza Rice - National Security Advisor
Justice Sandra Day O’Connor - US Supreme Court
Julia Louis Dreyfus - Actress
Carrie Underwood - American Idol
Ashley Judd - Actress
Faye Dunaway - Actress
Carol Burnett - Actress
Kari Strugg - Olympian
Lucy Liu - Actress
Anne Klein - Designer
Sheryl Crow - Singer
Liz Claibourne - Designer

85% of U.S. Supreme Court Justices since 1800 have been Greek

Requirements to Participate

The SDSU Panhellenic Association requires that a student be in good standing with the University to participate in sorority recruitment. Potential members who are continuing students must have achieved a minimum cumulative SDSU GPA of 2.20 or above; however, each chapter has its own college cumulative GPA requirement ranging from 2.3 - 2.5. Dual admits and open university students are ineligible to participate in the recruitment process.
Do I need to get recommendations?
Letters of recommendation are not necessary in order to participate in Recruitment at SDSU. The registration form serves as your introduction to the chapters on campus. However, if a friend or family member who is an alumna of a sorority with a chapter at SDSU wishes to write you a recommendation, she can mail address it to the “Recruitment Chair” of her sorority and mail it to SDSU Center for Fraternity & Sorority Life, 5500 Campanile Drive, 92182-7445, San Diego, CA 92182. We’ll put it in her chapter’s mailbox. Some chapters may have their alumnae contact the personal references you list on the registration form or sorority alumnae in your hometown to obtain a reference. Don’t worry if you don’t know any sorority alumnae; this does not affect your chances of joining a sorority.

What is a legacy?
A “legacy” is a potential member who has a mother, grandmother, aunt or sister who was a member of a sorority while in college. Legacies are usually given special consideration from the chapter with which their family member is affiliated, but are never guaranteed membership in that sorority. Each potential member is considered on an individual basis; legacies should not feel obligated to join their relative’s sorority, and the sorority is not obligated to offer a legacy an invitation to join. Both the chapter and the potential member are looking for mutual compatibility, not a family connection to the group.

What do I wear for Recruitment?
Recruitment events increase in length and formality as the week progresses. There isn’t a dress code, and at any given event you’ll see quite a range of different outfits. There is no need to buy special outfits for Recruitment. The Orientation is very casual. Wear what you normally would wear to class. Casual outfits (blouses, tops, shorts, sundresses, casual pants and skirts, etc.) are traditionally worn the first two rounds. These two rounds involve lots of walking, so be sure to wear comfortable shoes, not a new pair. Keep in mind that the weather is likely to be warm, so dress to be cool and comfortable. The third round is a little dressier – a sundress or nice pant outfit or skirt outfit is appropriate. The final round (Preference Night) is semiformal – an evening cocktail dress is perfect (you can leave your prom gown at home).

Do I go through this process alone?
Each potential member is assigned to a Recruitment group of about 12-15 women, and each group has a Sorority Recruitment Counselor, or “Sigma Rho Chi” for short. Sorority Recruitment Counselors are active sorority members who have temporarily dropped their chapter affiliation during the Recruitment week so they can maintain an objective outlook. Each Sigma Rho Chi goes through extensive training to be a counselor. In addition, Recruitment Counselors bring to their position their experiences as an active sorority member and a former recruitment participant. They serve as a friend and advisor and will do their best to make your Recruitment experience the best that it can be. In addition, you’ll find that the members of your recruitment group will provide mutual support – and regardless of where you join, you’ll have already made many friends at SDSU.
What If I have to miss a Recruitment event?
It is very important that you attend all of the Recruitment events to which you are invited. Unexcused absences hamper your chances of being invited to the next round. Excuses are granted for illness, family emergencies, class attendance, and religious observances, provided you notify your Recruitment Counselor in advance so that the chapters can be informed. We strongly recommend that you arrange to get off work during the Recruitment events if at all possible.

Mandatory Recruitment Orientation:
Saturday, Sept., 10

Recruitment Week:
Thursday, September 15 to Tuesday, September 20, 2005
All activities are mandatory; however excuses are granted for class attendance and religious observations.

Registration and Fees:
$35 if received by Sept. 5.
$45 if you register after Sept. 6 until midnight, Friday, September 9.

Registration and Payment:
Registration and payment will need to be completed through the website at www.greeklife.sdsu.edu/register. Upon confirmation of your registration and payment, you will receive through e-mail, a confirmation letter with detailed information about Recruitment Orientation and the week.

Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005
Mandatory Recruitment Orientation
Montezuma Hall, Aztec Center

Check-In
9:45 - 10:30 am Check In
10:30 - Noon Orientation
Noon - 1:00 PM Group Activity

Recruitment Events
Thursday, September 15 - Letter Day #1
5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Recruitment Events 1-5

Friday, September 16 - Letter Day #2
5:00 - 8:15 p.m Recruitment Events 1-5
8:30 - 9:15 p.m. Complete Priority Rankings

Saturday, September 17 - Service Day
11:30 a.m. Receive Schedules
Noon - 3:30 p.m. Recruitment Events 1-3
3:30 - 4:15 p.m. Break
4:25 - 7:00 p.m. Recruitment Events 4-6
7:15 - 8:15 p.m. Complete Priority Rankings

Sunday, September 18 - House Tours Day
11:30 a.m. Receive Schedules
Noon - 4:45 p.m. Recruitment Events 1-4
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Complete Priority Rankings

Monday, September 19 - Preference Night
7:00 p.m. Receive Schedules
7:30 - 9:50 p.m. Recruitment Events 1-2
10:00 p.m. Membership Recruitment Acceptance Signing

Tuesday, September 20 - Bid Day
3:30 - 5:15 p.m. Bids Issued
5:30 - ? Chapter Activities

Saturday, September 24 - Preference Dances