Welcome to the University of Central Oklahoma!

On behalf of the 2013 Panhellenic Council let us start by congratulating you on your decision to attend UCO! We are so excited for you to participate in Recruitment 2013!

There are a lot of wonderful and exciting things to come. Being in a sorority provides women with integral people skills, leadership experience, campus involvement opportunities, extensive postgraduate networks, academic support, year – round sisterhood, and social events.

Joining a sorority will undoubtedly make your experience at UCO the fullest and most rewarding it can be! The Greek website is a valuable source for information about recruitment as it gets closer.

Visit us at www.uco.edu/greek.

Good luck at recruitment; we cannot wait to see you all there!

Sincerely,
Ashley Stump
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Panhellenic Council
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Statement

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life will create a community that enhances the member’s experience by empowering our organizations to uphold the values of unity, leadership, scholarship, service and building of relationships.

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A Letter From President Betz

Hello to each of you from the University of Central Oklahoma!

This is a time when you are considering a full slate of decisions about your education and your future. We would be delighted to have you here with us as a valued member of the UCO family. One of the goals here at Central is building lasting relationships, and joining together to make a true difference in the lives of others. This is the guiding mission of Central's fraternities and sororities.

Among your prospective brothers and sisters of the Greek system, you will discover a supportive You will immerse yourself into the vibrant life of UCO student activities and creative projects. You will make new acquaintances that will evolve into lasting friendships. Together, the Greek community to contribute to the vitality, and growth of UCO and the people and communities we serve.

For almost 125 years now, UCO has been a clear voice for the importance of education in achieving personal and community goals.

Here at UCO, you have the opportunity to connect with one another to achieve important and gratifying results in serving one another and our state. The key ingredient is YOU, your knowledge, values, motivation and collaboration. You have the capacity to create make a major contribution to shaping the future.

Here at UCO, and in our vibrant Greek system, we believe that together, you are the change; you are the future. Importantly, we believe in you.

We are ready to welcome you to UCO, and to the vibrant and engaged Greek system.

My best wishes to you,

Dr. Don Betz
President
GO BRONCHOS!
GO GREEK!
Why Go Greek

Greek Life on the University of Central Oklahoma campus began with the founding of the first fraternity on campus in 1957. With it began the legacy of committed members that have contributed to the continued growth and success of the Greek System and UCO. Many sororities and fraternities have been founded along the way and their members continue to serve the University community with pride.

Our Greek community boasts a legacy of committed members who have contributed to the continued growth and success of the Greek system. When you go Greek, you take an offer to unlock your potential, enhance your personal attributes, and unleash your passion! It’s truly the most exciting and life-changing experience you can start while you’re in college. Being Greek opens doors to academic initiatives, campus involvement, leadership opportunities, philanthropic service, personal enrichment and a connection that lasts a lifetime. With 20 unique Greek organizations, there is an opportunity for everyone. Be Unique, Choose UCO Greek!

Registration details for Panhellenic Recruitment See Pages 14-15
Relationships

We are Central.

Create positive relationships within our chapters, councils, campus and community by promoting the values of sisterhood/unity-chapters and councils collaborating under a community of shared values in order to accentuate growth and respect amongst our peers. One of the most important aspects of joining a sorority is the bond of sisterhood. There is a sense of unity and friendship among members of each chapter, as well as a feeling of Greek unity on Campus. The recruitment process introduces students to individuals who come together to share common interests and form a cohesive group. It is often said, friendships developed in college will last a lifetime. Greek life is an experience that one never forgets. Students find that members of the chapter will have similar goals, values and ideals. Having these things in common with the organization provides a sense of acceptance and belonging, a home away from home. Sisters will be there to share the college experience, but will also stay close for years to come.
Service

Our sororities provide service to our chapters, councils, campus and community through philanthropic endeavors and civic engagement. Philanthropy is a project, event or activity sponsored by a chapter through which donations of goods, money, and/or time are given to charitable organizations. The desire to serve others is one of the most important qualities that are developed in Fraternity and Sorority membership. Each chapter has chosen a local and national philanthropy to support. UCO’s fraternities and sororities raised a combined total of over $100,000 for philanthropies this past year.

Community service is also a priority of sororities at UCO. Chapters require five ours of community service per semester for their members to complete. Community service is the act of giving your time to help or benefit a cause.

Scholarship

One common value for all sororities is academics. The all UCO women GPA was 2.81 for fall 2012, the Panhellenic overall GPA was 2.94 for the fall 2012. This was achieved by each chapter providing an atmosphere that is conducive to academic success for their members. This atmosphere includes helping members develop effective study habits, time management skills, and academic programing provided by the sorority as well as from the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life.

Leadership

Sororities strive to make their members better women from the time they join until they graduate. Each chapter is self-governed and relies on the individual talents and leadership skills of its members to run effectively, this provides members with numerous opportunities. Members are encouraged to be involved on campus outside the sorority and supported in taking outside leadership roles as well. These leadership roles provide students with valuable experience managing events, managing budgets, leading others, being a representative of themselves, their organization, and the community to external groups or persons.
UCO Panhellenic Council

What is NPC?

The UCO Panhellenic Council is comprised of five national and international sorority organizations: Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Zeta and Sigma Kappa. The UCO Panhellenic is governed by the Panhellenic Council. The Panhellenic Council at UCO supports the mission of the university, the Central Six and promotes the values of Fraternity and Sorority Life. The Panhellenic Council provides educational programming, community service and philanthropy opportunities, leadership experience, and social activities for UCO Panhellenic and the UCO student body to enjoy. Panhellenic promotes unity among our members and councils. Panhellenic takes pride in coming together to achieve common goals and sharing common values.
Sigma Kappa

Chapter: Delta Chi

Founded: November 9, 1874 at Colby College Waterville, Maine

Philanthropy: Alzheimer's Disease Research, Inherit the Earth, Gerontology, Maine Seacoast Mission

Flower: Violet

Mascot: Dove and Heart

Colors: Lavender and Maroon

Famous Members: Margaret Chase Smith, Maitland Ward and Dr. Rhea Seddon

Fun Fact: Sigma Kappa National Sorority is the number one contributor to Alzheimer's Disease Research. The chapter recently celebrated their 50th anniversary at UCO.

Date founded at UCO: August 29, 1959

Website: www.sigmakappa.org

Chapter Dues:

- $65 (in house)
- $150 (out of house)

Housing: $420
Delta Zeta

**Chapter:** Epsilon Upsilon  
**Founded:** October 24, 1902 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio  
**Philanthropy:** Speech and Hearing (Gallaudet University, The Starkey Hearing Foundation, Sound Beginnings Program and House Ear Institute) and the Painted Turtle Camp  
**Flower:** Pink Killarney Rose  
**Mascot:** Turtle  
**Colors:** Rose and Green  
**Famous Members:** Joy Behar (host of 'The View'); Florence Henderson (actress); Marti Dodson (lead singer for 'Saving Jane'); Nanette Fabray (actress); Princess Martha of Norway; Mercedes Bates (first female corporate officer of General Mills, known as “Betty Crocker”); Dr. Carolyn Leach Huntoon (Astronaut, Director of NASA); Jean Haley Harper (Author); Esther Stassen (Instrumental in the founding of the United Nations); and Hazel Smith (First woman to win a Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Writing)  
**Fun Fact:** 2nd Largest National Sorority with 158 collegiate chapters; Largest International Sorority  
**Date founded at UCO:** September 11, 1956  
**National Website:** www.deltazeta.org  
**Chapter Dues:** $129 (in house) $174 (out of house)  
**Housing:** $567 (double occupancy)
Alpha Xi Delta

Chapter: Iota Delta

Founded: 1893 at Lombard College

Philanthropy: Autism Speaks

Flower: Pink Rose

Colors: Double Blue (light and dark) and Gold

Mascot: Betxi Bear

Famous Members: Betsey Johnson (Fashion Designer), Jen Schefft (Bachelorette), Kelly Earnhardt Elledge (daughter of Dale Earnhardt), Susan Koopen (CBS News Correspondent), Jane Henson (co-creator of the Muppets), Kim Webster (actress), and Samantha Lindsey (Mrs. Oklahoma 2007).

Fun Fact: Since partnering with Autism Speaks in April 2009, Alpha Xi Delta has raised over 1 million dollars for our philanthropic partner.

Date founded at UCO: May 1, 1999

National Website: www.alphaxidelta.org

Local Website: ucok.alphaxidelta.org

Chapter Dues: $100 (in house)  
$150 (out of house)

Housing: $300 (three person room)  
$350 (two person room)

Vision: Inspiring women to realize their potential.
Alpha Gamma Delta

Chapter: Epsilon Nu

Founded: May 30, 1904 at Syracuse University

Philanthropy: Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation (benefiting diabetes research, scholarship and leadership opportunities for members) and The Leadership Institute, a national women’s leadership development initiative.

Flower: Red and Buff Rose

Mascot: Squirrel

Colors: Red, Buff and Green

Famous Members: Amber Brkich, Rita Coolidge, former Edmond Mayor Saundra Naiefeh, UCO Vice President of Leadership, Cheryl Steele

Fun Fact: First woman’s group to be established as an international sorority.

Date founded at UCO: October 1960

National Website: www.alphagammadelta.org

Local Website: www.ucoalphagam.com

Chapter Dues:
In-House (includes chapter dues & rent) $442.00
Out of House $192.00
Pay September - April
Alpha Delta Pi

Chapter: Theta Xi

Founded: May 15, 1851 at Wesleyan Female College

Philanthropy: Ronald McDonald House Charities

Flower: Woodland Violet

Colors: Azure Blue and White

Mascot: Alphie the lion

Famous Members: Jean Smart (Emmy award winning actress), Emily Procter (actress- CSI: Miami), Nancy Grace (CNN Headline News Anchor), Ainsley Earhardt (Fox News Correspondent), Kelli Finglass (Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader Director), Karen Fairchild(Singer-Little Big Town).

Fun Fact: November 18th was declared Alpha Delta Pi day by the mayor of Edmond.

Date founded at UCO: November 17th, 2012

National Website: www.alphadeltapi.com

Local website: www.ucOADpi.com

Chapter Dues:

In-House: $504.50 per month

Out-of-House: $204.50 per month

www.uco.edu/fsl
Recruitment Registration

Online Recruitment Registration Form

www.uco.edu/greek
Click “Panhellenic Recruitment”
Add personal photo

Registration Fee
$35 before June 30
$40 before July 31st
$45 between August 1st-22nd

*non-refundable

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Recruitment

Recruitment Week:

Weekly overview:
Each day of recruitment provides you with new insight into the chapters you visit, as you visit each chapter take time to consider where you may excel as a member and which organization's values and ideals align with your personal values and ideals.

With each day of recruitment you will return to less chapters, do not be concerned if you do not return to the maximum number of events for that day. It is not common for women to return to the maximum number of events.

Orientation:
Orientation is held the night before recruitment events begin. The Panhellenic Recruitment Team will be there to explain how the recruitment process works, the schedule of the week, what to wear and what to talk about each day and what each day's events will look like.

WHAT TO WEAR:
Open Day:
The first day of recruitment is filled with excitement and activity. You will have the opportunity to meet each of the chapters through house tours, displays and meeting their members. You will be greeted with chants, clapping and lots of smiles.

Values Day:
This day of recruitment highlights the values and opportunities afforded with sorority membership. Chapters will tell you about their activities, involvement on campus, philanthropy and community service projects and may share a video highlighting their involvement over the past year. Women will visit a maximum of three chapters this day.

WHAT TO WEAR:
Recruitment

Preference Day
Of all the nights in recruitment, Preference is the time for chapter members to share with you what they value most about being a part of their chapter. Each chapter has a ceremony or ritual they will share with you, which may include singing, senior or alumnae speakers and other traditions. As you get an inside look at this bond think about the sisterhood and values you are looking for.

WHAT TO WEAR:
Bid Day:
You will receive your bid and become a new member of one of our amazing sororities. You will also have the chance to spend the evening with your new sorority getting to know all of your new sisters!

Parents Involvement
Parents you will be an active participant of Bid Day. You can meet the rest of the parents in front of the Nigh University Center in the grassy area. It will be announced which chapter your daughter joined, once announcements are done you may head to your daughter’s chapter house to celebrate and get to know the women.

WHAT TO WEAR:
Summer Tea

Summer Tea is an opportunity to learn about the Panhellenic Recruitment process at UCO. Everything from what to wear, what to expect, and what to talk about will be covered. There will be an opportunity to register for recruitment and have any last questions answered.

Date: July 14th
Time: 3 pm
Location: UCO Ballroom
Recruitment Terms

ACTIVE
The term used to indicate a sorority woman or a fraternity man who has been formally initiated by his or her chapter.

ALUMNA - ALUMNAE (PLURAL)
An initiated sorority member who is no longer in college.

BID
An invitation extended by only one sorority per potential new member on Bid Day; this is the formal invitation to become a new member of that sorority.

CHAPTER
The women comprising each local collegiate group of a national sorority. OSU has 12 sorority chapters on campus that participate in recruitment.

COLONY
A new fraternity or sorority that is working to receive a charter from the national organization to which it is affiliated. When a charter is received, they become a chapter of that national organization.

CONTINUOUS OPEN RECRUITMENT (COR)
The period other than fully structured recruitment when Panhellenic sororities acquire new members.

FULLY STRUCTURED RECRUITMENT
The formal process of mutual selection by which chapters invite potential new members to join their sorority prior to the fall semester.

INITIATION
The formal ceremonies by which new members complete membership into a chapter and receive full membership privileges.

LEGACY
A woman whose mother, sister or, in some cases, grandmother or half-sister is an alumna or active member of a sorority. A sorority is not obligated to offer a bid to a legacy, and a potential new member is completely free to choose the sorority of her individual preference.
Recruitment Terms

NEW MEMBER
A potential member who has accepted the bid of a sorority and has taken the first step toward full membership but has not yet been initiated.

PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION
The term that refers to all members of the sorority community at UCO.

PANHELLENIC COUNCIL
An organization composed of representatives of each sorority chapter who act as the central governing body of all sororities.

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER (PNM)
An unaffiliated woman who attends fall recruitment or participates in Continuous Open Recruitment.

QUOTA
The number of new members that each Panhellenic sorority may select during fall recruitment.

RECRUITMENT COUNSELOR (Rho Gamma)
A Panhellenic representative who assists PNMs during the recruitment process. This woman completely disaffiliates from her sorority to provide objective advice and support.

REC LETTER
A recommendation letter written by an alumna. These letters are not required for participation in recruitment. However, it is highly recommended that if you know an alumna, you ask them to write a recommendation letter on your behalf.

SORORITY (WOMEN’S FRATERNITY)
A fraternity is a social experience based on the fundamental right of a free people to form voluntary associations. It is one of the enrichments of college life.

TOTAL
The allowable chapter size as determined by the Panhellenic Council and includes both new and active members. Chapter total is the total number of members that a chapter may recruit to during Continuous Open Recruitment. If a chapter has less than total, they may participate in COR. The Panhellenic Council evaluates this number each year. It usually reflects average or median chapter size.