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Mission Statement
Student Engagement purposefully develops students and programs that create experiences which lead to growth, opportunities that become memories, and meaningful connections that lead to lasting relationships. We strive to foster a festive and memorable environment that encourages inclusivity, lifelong learning, community engagement and a commitment to Central.

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Welcome

Welcome to the University of Central Oklahoma. We are excited you have chosen to become a part of the Central family. Getting involved on campus is one of the best ways to Connect to Central. The Office of Student Engagement oversees the Fraternity and Sorority Life here at Central. The Greek community here includes more than 20 organizations that are a part of the Panhellenic, Interfraternity, National Pan-Hellenic, Multicultural Greek Council or Independent Organizations. Each organization offers leadership and community service opportunities while promoting academic excellence and involvement. Our mission is to 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. Our members are student leaders on campus and excel in the classroom. The basis of fraternities and sororities is fostering brotherhood and sisterhood while helping each member develop their individual potential. We know you will enjoy being a part of fraternity and sorority life at Central, and we are excited to welcome you to the Broncho family!

Connect to Fraternity and Sorority Life

Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of Central Oklahoma began with the founding of the first fraternity on campus in 1957. That started the legacy of committed members who have continued the growth and success of the fraternity and sorority community and UCO. When you join a fraternity or sorority, you accept an offer to unlock your potential, enhance your personal attributes, and unleash your passion! It is truly one of the most exciting and life-changing experiences you can have in college. Membership in a fraternity or sorority opens doors to academic initiatives, campus involvement, leadership opportunities, philanthropic service, personal enrichment, and connections that last a lifetime. With more than 20 fraternities and sororities on campus, there is an opportunity for everyone. For details on how our organizations recruit, refer to the front page of each council section in this viewbook.

Service

We 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 developed in a fraternity or sorority member. Each chapter has chosen a local and/or national philanthropy to support. You will find those organizations or programs listed on the following pages. We encourage you to ask the chapter members about their activities and events.

Scholarship

We set the standard for academic excellence. Fraternities and sororities recognize the purpose of college is to achieve an education through holding academic achievement as a value. Providing an atmosphere in which each member can achieve academic self-respect and self-responsibility is of utmost importance. Many chapters assist new members in developing good study habits and time management skills to make the adjustment to college easier. The office of Student Engagement requires a minimum 2.5 grade point average to receive a bid for membership. Historically, the grade point average for Central’s fraternity and sorority community is higher than their unaffiliated peers.

Leadership

We develop our members to be well-rounded, influential leaders for today, for tomorrow, and for the future. As a member of a fraternity or sorority, you are provided with numerous opportunities for the development of leadership skills. Each chapter is self-governed and relies on the individual talents and leadership skills of its members to run effectively. Fraternity and sorority membership provides students the opportunity to transform into well-rounded graduates through opportunities to get involved at the chapter, council, or community level. These leadership roles provide a place where students gain valuable experience managing events, balancing budgets, leading others, and representing fraternity and sorority life to different audiences.

Relationships

We are Central. One of the most important aspects of joining a fraternity or sorority is the bond of brotherhood and sisterhood. There is a sense of unity and friendship among members of each chapter as well as the feeling of community in fraternity and sorority life. The recruitment and intake processes introduce students to individuals who come together to share common interests and form a cohesive group. It is often said that friendships developed in college will last a lifetime. Fraternity and sorority life is an experience one never forgets. Students will find that members of their chapter will have similar goals, values and ideals. Having these things in common with the organization provides a sense of acceptance and belonging like a home away from home. Brothers and sisters will be there to share the college experience, but they will also stay close for years to come.

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Each chapter will host their own recruitment events. Following all organization’s social media pages is a good way to keep up to date with their upcoming events. You may also contact each organization to express interest or ask questions. In addition to the organization’s social media, following the Student Engagement social media pages will also provide information about upcoming events.

To learn more about our Independent Organizations or express your interest in joining, please visit www.uco.edu/greek to complete the Independent Organization Interest Form. Once you have completed the form, the information you provided will be passed along to the chapters.

THE INDEPENDENT SORORITIES INCLUDE:
- Kappa Phi
- Sigma Phi Lambda Sorority
Kappa Phi is an independent sisterhood whose foundations are set on Christ-centered values. Our purpose is to pursue together a deeper understanding of who God is, challenge each other to realize our individual potential, be a supportive and encouraging community, inspire one another to step up in leadership in our work fields and church, and commit to positive action to glorify Jesus. We believe in powerful and influential women, empowered by Christ.

We were founded in 1916 at the University of Kansas by a minister’s wife, Mrs. Gordon B. Thompson. She desired to create a college women’s organization to support and help grow women’s spiritual lives as well as invest in them to be leaders for the future. During that time period, nothing like this was existent for university women. Our chapter here at UCO was founded in 1993.

Our motto is Sisters in Christ, Sisters for Life. We meet once a week on Monday nights, focusing on our four pillars: sisterhood, worship, bible study, and service. We do rush, big/little reveal, and have a membership process. We are actively involved in the Greek community, participating in homecoming events, Bronchothon, and other events on campus. We provide an alternative to Panhellenic sororities while still providing lifelong friendships and memories.

Chapter Name: Beta Delta
Founded: 1916, at the University of Kansas
Date Founded at UCO: 1993
Philanthropy: Oklahoma Eating Disorders Association (OEDA)
Mascot: Lamb
Colors: Blue of the Sky, Green of the Pine, and Pure White
Fun Fact: The chapter officially joined our fraternity/sorority community in fall 2015.
National Website: www.kappaphi.org
Motto: Sisters for Christ, Sisters for Life.
Social Media:
- @uco_kappa_phi
- Kappa Phi UCO
- @UCOKappaPhi

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Sigma Phi Lambda exists for the sole purpose of glorifying our Lord Jesus Christ and making His name great. We strive to glorify God by providing fellowship to college women who sincerely seek to know His person, His will and His ways.

Our heart and passion can be summed up in our sorority verse, Romans 15:5-6:

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and one mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Sigma Phi Lambda, Sisters for the Lord, was prayerfully founded in 1988 at the University of Texas by a group of women who envisioned a sorority that would provide Christian fellowship on campus. The five founding members drafted the original constitution that defined the purpose, structure, and day-to-day running of the sorority and its requirements for membership. They were then joined by eight charter members, and, with God’s help, these 13 women created the organization we know today as Phi Lamb.

Through weekly meetings including worship, encouragement, fellowship and accountability, Phi Lamb provides an alternative to Panhellenic sororities.
Chapter: Epsilon Sigma
Founded: 1899 at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, IL
Philanthropy: Ronald Reagan's Alzheimer's Association and St. Jude's Children Hospital
Flower: Red Carnation
Mascot: Greek God Apollo
Colors: Crimson Lake and Pure Silver
Famous Members: President Ronald Reagan, Elvis Presley, Willie Nelson, Terry Bradshaw and Steve Forbes
Fun Fact: TKE was the first fraternity at University of Central Oklahoma and it's the largest active social fraternity in the world with 270+ active chapters and colonies
Date founded at UCO: February 23, 1957
Website: www.tke.org
Local Website: www.ucotke.com

On the cold night of January 10, 1899, students of Illinois Wesleyan University, in the small Midwestern town of Bloomington, had just returned from the Christmas holidays when Joseph L. Settles went to the room occupied by James C. McNutt and Clarence A. Mayer at 504 East Locust Street to discuss the organization of a new society on campus. Joined immediately by Owen I. Truitt and C. Roy Atkinson, these five students created the first set of regulations for the Knights of Classic Lore, a society whose avowed purpose was “to aid college men in mental, moral, and social development.”

Vision
Tau Kappa Epsilon creates lifelong relationships that enhance educational, interpersonal, community and professional success.

Mission
Our mission is to aid men in their mental, moral, and social development for life.

Purpose
TKE contributes to the advancement of society through the personal growth of our members, and service to others.

The North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC)
The North-American Interfraternity Conference is an association of collegiate men’s fraternities and was formally organized in 1910, although it began on November 27, 1909. The power of the organization rests in a House of Delegates where each member fraternity is represented by a single delegate. However, the group’s executive and administrative powers are vested in an elected board of directors consisting of nine volunteers from various NIC fraternities. Headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, the NIC also operates a small professional staff.

The NIC serves to advocate the needs of its member fraternities through enrichment of the fraternity experience, advancement and growth of the fraternity community, and enhancement of the educational mission of the host institutions. The NIC also is committed to enhancing the benefits of fraternity membership.

The Interfraternity Council is the governing body for the NIC member fraternities on UCO’s campus. As such, it establishes guidelines for managing the issues and activities of the chapters. The purpose of the council is to promote unity among the individual chapters, build relationships between the fraternity and sorority community and the University, and to ensure the fraternities follow the rules, policies, and regulations passed by the council. The council also provides leadership and structured programs for fraternity growth and development.

How to register for recruitment:
To participate in IFC recruitment activities, please submit the online recruitment registration form, which can be found online at www.uco.edu/fsl. Chapters host recruitment year-round with most events occurring in the summer and early fall.

For more information, please refer to our website at uco.edu/greek or email se@uco.edu.

The IFC chapters include:
- Acacia
- Alpha Tau Omega
- Beta Upsilon Chi
- Delta Chi
- Pi Kappa Alpha
- Phi Delta Theta
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Sigma Nu
- Sigma Tau Gamma

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On September 11, 1865, Glazebrook invited two close friends to his home at 114 East Clay Street in Richmond, Virginia. There, in the rear parlor, he read them the Constitution he had written and invited them to sign. As they did, Alpha Tau Omega was born. It was the first fraternity founded after the Civil War, and the first sign of Greek Life in the old Confederacy. “To know no north, no south, no east, no west, but to know man as man…” This is part of our creed, and it holds true to this day. As men of Alpha Tau Omega, we accept all men, no matter their background. We strive as an organization to help these men to grow in their manhood, faith and leadership. In doing this, we hold ourselves to a high standard in order to meet these principles.

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Beta Upsilon Chi was formed at the University of Texas at Austin in the spring of 1985 by a handful of Christian men who desired an alternative to the present fraternal lifestyle. A group of Christian men met and planned the “BYX Island Party” to formally announce the fraternity’s founding. It was the vision of the founding fathers to have a fraternity of committed Christian men, based on the unique brotherhood a Christian atmosphere affords, for the purpose of fellowship and glorification of Jesus Christ. Through parties, service projects and evangelical outreaches, the charter members of Beta Upsilon Chi chose to unite in fellowship and glorify Jesus Christ on the University of Texas campus.

After beginning at UT, the vision of Brothers Under Christ has spread to nearly 40 campuses around the country.

BYX stresses five core values: Brotherhood, Unity, Faith, Leadership and Character.

In the Spring 2010, a group of students came together with the vision of establishing a Beta Upsilon Chi at the University of Central Oklahoma. These men believed BYX would provide an outlet for Christian men to engage in the social aspect of college as well as find deep spiritual growth and unity. On August 29, 2011, the UCO group was formally initiated into Beta Upsilon Chi as the Alpha Epsilon Chapter, becoming the 29th chapter in the fraternity’s history.
Founded in 1890 at Cornell University as a law fraternity, Delta Chi has grown to involve over 115,000 members from 120 campuses. The Fraternity joined the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) in 1922 and opened its membership to the general campus population, but is still strongly associated with core principles of justice and education.

At Delta Chi, we are committed to creating lifelong belonging through brotherhood and developing the character of our members to be fair and just, while advancing their education. Delta Chi believes that a lifelong endeavor is about continual growth, both in brotherhood and throughout the course of our members’ entire lives.

We are committed to developing a brotherhood of men- diverse in backgrounds, interest and goals, united in our lifelong endeavor to promote, develop, advance and assist one another. Through our programs we put on, the opportunities to lead and be a part of a team, to the expectations we hold our brothers to, Delta Chis are enjoying a college experience. Men who become a part of Delta Chi find companions who will support them, challenge them and guide them along their lifelong endeavor to wherever it will take them.

Chapter: UCO Colony
Founded: October 13, 1890, Cornell University
Date founded at UCO: Fall 2017
Philanthropy: The V Foundation for Cancer Research
Flower: White carnation
Mascot: Knight or Martlets
Colors: Red and Buff
Famous Members: Ashton Kutcher, Brandon Russell, Frank Nugent, Kevin Costner, and Benjamin Harrison.
Fun Fact: On April 22, 1929, Delta Chi became the first international fraternity to abolish “Hell Week”.
National Website: www.deltachi.org
Motto: Leges (Law)
Social Media:
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@UCO_DeltaChi
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Phi Delta Theta was organized in 1848 with three principle objectives: The cultivation of friendship among its members; the acquirement individually of a high degree of mental culture, and the attainment personally of a high standard of morality.

Today, Phi Delta Theta is looking for leaders at UCO who are innovative in creating change and rewriting the status quo. Leaders inspire those around them to work towards a common goal and put fear to the side when risks need to be taken. Leaders do not shy away from daunting tasks and are not afraid to do what ought to be done. There are leaders amongst the UCO community who instinctively drive the excitement and motivation of a group. These same individuals support the people around them during both good and bad times. When they believe in something, they put their all into it.

History remembers leaders. Are you a leader? Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, and the Founding Father experience, provides the opportunity for individuals to stand out at UCO and lead with purpose. It allows individuals to take what they learn in the classroom and apply it within a real-life learning laboratory.

Phi Delta Theta is expanding to UCO this semester and is looking for men who are interested in leaving their mark on-campus. Starting a chapter of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity is the perfect opportunity to practice the skills needed to be successful in your career. You and your fellow founding members will be challenged to create a legacy of excellence that differentiates itself from other organizations on campus. The Founding Father experience is an entrepreneurial adventure that gives you the opportunity to craft a fraternity from the very beginning.

Learn more about it means to be a Founding Father of Phi Delta Theta at futurephidelt.org.
Chapter: Oklahoma Sigma Chapter

Founded: March 9, 1856, at the University of Alabama

Date founded at UCO: February 23, 2019

Philanthropy: Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals

Flower: Violet

Mascot: Lion, Phoenix

Colors: Royal Purple and Old Gold


Fun Fact: SAE was the first fraternity to establish a national headquarters and national leadership school (The school is named after former UCO President and SAE Alumni John O. Mosley)

National Website: www.sae.net

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Social Media:
- @SAE_UCO
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- ucosigmaalphaepsilon

Sigma Alpha Epsilon strives to promote the highest levels of leadership, scholarship, friendship, and service to all members throughout life. We believe membership is more than four years here at UCO. SAE is the largest fraternity, nationally, and we always say we are not the best because we are the largest, we are the largest because we are the best. We hold the values of what we call a “True Gentleman”. We have more than 350,000 members and are growing each day.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is a non-pledgeship, non-hazing fraternity. Unlike other fraternities where a new member will become a pledge for 8 or 10 weeks, here at SAE, new members hold full rights of membership, including member voting, position holding, and input into the important decisions of the fraternity.

“The True Gentleman is the man whose conduct proceeds from good will and an acute sense of propriety, and whose self-control is equal to all emergencies; who does not make the poor man conscious of his poverty, the obscure man of his obscurity, or any man of his inferiority or deformity; who is himself humbled if necessity compels him to humble another; who does not flatter wealth, cringe before power, or boast of his own possessions or achievements; who speaks with frankness but always with sincerity and sympathy; whose deed follows his word; who thinks of the rights and feelings of others, rather than his own; and who appears well in any company, a man with whom honor is sacred and virtue safe.” —John Walter Wayland
SIGMA NU

Sigma Nu fraternity was founded by three Civil War veterans. It was the first college fraternity to be founded in direct opposition to hazing.

The Mu Tau chapter of Sigma Nu at UCO adheres to vital risk reduction policies and the use of greeklife.edu, an alcohol misuse and sexual harassment prevention program. Since being chartered in March 2002, Sigma Nu at UCO has been a haven for campus leadership. This is credited to Mu Tau’s utilization of the fraternity’s highly renowned member development program, LEAD, with focus on campus involvement, intellectual development and values congruent environments. Members are students first and fraternity men second, which helps them meet the minimum GPA standard of 2.5. By living out Sigma Nu’s values every day, its members have experiences that transform them from men to honorable men, with a foundation for success in their professions and their lives.

Values
Love, honor, truth

Mission
To develop ethical leaders inspired by the principles of love, honor and truth. To foster the personal growth of each man’s mind, heart and character. To perpetuate lifelong friendships and commitment to the fraternity.

Vision
Excelling with honor

Creed
To believe in the life of love, to walk in the way of honor, to serve in the light of truth - this is the life, the way, and the light of Sigma Nu, this is the creed of our fraternity.”

Chapter: Mu Tau

Founded: January 1, 1869, at Virginia Military Institute

Date founded at UCO: March 9, 2002

Philanthropy: St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital

Flower: White Rose

Mascot: Snake

Colors: Black and Gold

Famous Members: Bob Barker, Harrison Ford, Super Bowl winning quarterback Eli Manning, Archie Manning, Eli Young and Paul Rudd

Fun Fact: First fraternity founded in direct opposition to hazing

National Website: www.sigmanu.org

Local Website: www.becomeasigmanu.org

Email: signuuco@gmail.com

Social Media:
@UCOSigmaNu
@UCO_SigmaNu
sigmanu.uco

www.uco.edu/se
Sigma Tau Gamma has been setting the standard for fraternity life since it joined the UCO community in 1959. Sigma Tau Gamma is a fraternity founded on the Path of Principles, which include Value, Learning, Leadership, Excellence, Benefit and Integrity. Sigma Tau Gamma continues to grow and expand at universities across the United States.

Odds are you won’t go far on the UCO campus without running into a member of the Sig Tau brotherhood. You’ll find them involved with various student organizations, leading in campus activities and serving alongside the Volunteer and Service Learning Center.

The local Beta Zeta chapter was recognized in 2012 as one of the top five chapters in the nation. The men of Sigma Tau Gamma pride themselves in excelling in scholarship, community service, campus involvement and intramurals.

One thing is certain — the future is bright for the men of Sigma Tau Gamma.
THE MULTICULTURAL SORORITIES INCLUDE:

• Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.
• Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority, Inc
• Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc.

THE MULTICULTURAL FRATERNITY INCLUDES:

• Omega Delta Phi

HOW TO JOIN THE MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL

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To learn more about the Unified Greek Council or express your interest in joining, please visit www.uco.edu/fsl to complete the Unified Greek Council Interest Form. Once you have completed the form, the information you provided will be passed along to the chapters.
KAPPA DELTA CHI

Chapter: Beta Kappa

Founded: April 6, 1987, at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas

Date Founded at UCO: October 24, 2014

Philanthropy: American Cancer Society

Flower: Pink Rose

Mascot: Penguin

Stone: Emerald

Colors: Pink and Maroon

Fun Fact: Kappa Delta Chi is incorporated as a service sorority and has approximately 3,000 sisters nationwide.

Website: www.kappadeltachi.org

Social Media: @UCOKDChi

In 1987 four young women from the Rio Grande Valley had a vision while attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. Their vision was to create something so special and unique it would leave a legacy for others who followed. They recognized the need to unify and promote leadership amongst Hispanic women at the university. That vision became Kappa Delta Chi. The founders are Cynthia Garza-Fleitman, Nellie Flores-Ledesma, Irene Montoya and Melissa Montoya. With the strong foundations of service, Christianity and friendship, they created a sisterhood that 20 years later is stronger than ever.

The purpose of Kappa Delta Chi is to promote the values of unity, honesty, integrity and leadership among women at colleges and universities. Through numerous service events, sisterhood retreats, and academic and cultural workshops, KDChis learn more about themselves, each other and their surrounding Universities and communities. They blossom into committed leaders, are able to network with our remarkable alumnae, and continue to serve as civic leaders well past their graduation. KDChi is a non-traditional sorority full of diverse members and eager women ready to make a difference in our communities. With sisters, anything is possible.

Through the hard work and dedication of all its members, Kappa Delta Chi is now one of the strongest Latina-based sororities in the country, and is proud to have the reputation of the most powerful network among Latinas leaders. Prestigious to be the first of its kind in the Southwest, KDChi currently holds chapters in seven regions, 14 states and more than 40 institutions of higher education. Kappa Delta Chi also brings a rich tradition of excellence to the institutions where they reside. KDChi boasts an average grade point average of 2.95 nationally and provides more than 40,000 hours of community service annually to our communities.

Leading with Integrity, United through Service.
Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority, Inc. is a service sorority founded in the summer of 1992 by Angeles Gonzalez. Angeles read an article in Hispanic Magazine about a national Hispanic sorority called Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas at the University of Pennsylvania. However, Sigma Lambda Upsilon of Pennsylvania decided against starting a chapter in Texas because of the distance between the two states. As a result, Angeles decided to begin a new sorority to be called Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority/Señoritas Latinas en Acción. The first pledge class was inducted in the Spring of 1993. Thus, the sisterhood of Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority, Inc. was established at Texas Woman’s University in Denton, Texas.

The mission of Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority, Inc. is to promote the importance of community service involvement and academic achievement as well as to educate and excel the stance of Latino cultures in this diversely enriched society.

We come together as sisters, developing strong women into future leaders within their local communities, and national community. Since 1992, sisters of Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority, Inc. have been agents of change in their respective fields of study and their respective universities. The outstanding women who form our sisterhood are true examples of what a Señorita is. Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority, Inc. is founded on the principles of Community Service, Academic Achievement, Cultural Awareness and of course Sisterhood. Our purpose is to promote leadership and encourage women to succeed in life through higher education. It is our goal to help shape ourselves into the leaders of today and tomorrow and establish our place among society as strong and independent women.
Sigma Lambda Gamma is a sisterhood of women who strive to achieve personal development and awareness of the responsibility of community involvement for the betterment of our local, regional, national and global communities through the efforts of a network of close to 3,000 sorority members. Furthermore, we continue to be a pioneer in the Greek fraternal world through development of innovative programming initiatives, such as the Young Women’s Leadership Program and Emotional Intelligence.

Today, Sigma Lambda Gamma is the largest, historically Latina-based national sorority with a multicultural membership in chapters and alumnae associations throughout the United States. Membership into Sigma Lambda Gamma is open to women of exceptional morals and ethics with a demonstrated commitment to academic excellence, women who are pursuing or have completed courses leading to a degree in an accredited college or university.
The purpose of this brotherhood, a service/social fraternity dedicated to the needs and concerns of the community, is and shall be to promote and maintain the traditional values of unity, honesty, integrity, and leadership. This brotherhood was founded in order to provide, to any man, a diverse fraternal experience, which coincides with a higher education.

Since 1987, Omega Delta Phi has been an organization perpetually dedicated to the idea of constant growth and improvement. We must work to form an organization, which not only challenges the traditional perception of fraternities, but also deals with the issues of culture and race in a completely new perspective. Thinking out of the box is no longer an acceptable plateau; the box must now be removed completely.

Omega Delta Phi is a multicultural service/social fraternity that aims at graduating its members while giving back to the community. The fraternity has established itself on 52 campuses and is predominantly centered in Texas and the Southwest. However, the fraternity has been experiencing tremendous growth in the Midwest the last 10 years. Although founded mainly by Latinos, the fraternity has traditionally always been open to men of different backgrounds, as demonstrated through its “one culture, any race” philosophy.
NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL (NPHC)

The National Pan-Hellenic Council is the governing body of the historically black fraternities and sororities. The University of Central Oklahoma has six active chapters of the nine national NPHC chapters. The NPHC recruitment process is called Membership Intake and occurs at various times throughout the school year as each NPHC chapter conducts its own unique process. The start of the process for each group is generally an informational meeting. Those meetings will be advertised through campus flyers and will be available in the Office of Student Engagement at the start of the semester. Before taking part in intake, you will need to complete a minimum of 12 college credit hours and have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA. However, some organizations require more hours. It is best to attend the informational meeting(s) to discover the requirements for the organization(s) that interest you.

All NPHC groups put a strong emphasis on community service, brotherhood and sisterhood, academic success, civic engagement, and campus involvement. An NPHC Informational is held in the Nigh University Center each semester. This is a great opportunity for you to visit with the chapters and ask questions about the process for membership.

THE NPHC SORORITIES AT UCO INCLUDE:
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

THE NPHC FRATERNITIES AT UCO INCLUDE:
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Omega Phi Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
On January 15, 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., became the first Greek-letter organization established by and for black women. Her roots first bloomed at Howard University, Washington, D.C., where the idea for formation was conceived by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle. She viewed the sorority as an instrument for enriching the communal and intellectual aspects of college life by providing mental stimulation through interaction with friends and associates and engaging in meaningful tasks to propel the condition of the surrounding communities. The formation of this sorority came one generation after the abolishment of slavery — meaning quite possibly the founders’ parents and grandparents were former slaves now living the dream of being freedmen. Realizing this crucial aspect, Lyle desired to use the sorority as the first step toward improving social stature for this post antebellum generation of African-American citizens.

Through the years, Alpha Kappa Alpha’s has become more complex. After her incorporation as a perpetual body on January 29, 1913, Alpha Kappa Alpha gradually branched out and became the channel through which selected college-trained women improved the socioeconomic conditions in their city, state, nation and world. Moreover, as the ideals of the past were being replaced with progressive thought and global equality, there was a need for associations that cut across racial, geographical, political, physical and social barriers. As the sorority grew, it kept in balance two important themes: the importance of the individual and the strength of an organization of women of ability and courage. Alpha Kappa Alpha has grown from one undergraduate chapter to an international organization with a membership of more than 200,000 women in more than 950 chapters. Our membership consists of ladies of distinction and exemplary character who excel in scholarship, leadership and service. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is the epitome of class and grace.
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was organized on November 12, 1922, in Indianapolis, Indiana, by seven young educators: Mary Lou Allison Gardner Little, Dorothy Hanley Whiteside, Vivian White Marbury, Nannie Mae Gahn Johnson, Hattie Mae Annette Dulin Redford, Bessie Mae Downey Rhoades Martin and Cubena McClure. The group became an incorporated national collegiate sorority on December 30, 1929, when a charter was granted to Alpha chapter at Butler University. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority is a leading national service organization and continues to grow through sisterhood, scholarship and service.

Sigma Gamma Rho offers its members opportunities to develop their unique talents through leadership training and involvement in sorority activities. Sorority activities provide an atmosphere where friendships and professional contacts are developed which lead to bonds that last a lifetime.

Sigma women are dedicated to helping each other and their personal success is recognized in The AURORA and through various awards.

Sigma Gamma Rho’s commitment to service is expressed in its slogan, “Greater Service, Greater Progress.” The sorority has a proud history of offering service wherever chapters exist, including OPERATION BigBookBag, a program designed to address the issues that face school-aged children who are educationally at-risk.

Other national projects include Wee Savers, Project Reassurance and Habitat for Humanity. The service of Sigma Gamma Rho from a global perspective includes Project Africa and Project Mwanamugimu. Through active participation in programs and through networking with other organizations such as the National Council of Negro Women, Urban League and the NAACP, Sigma's legacy of service to improve the quality of life for all mankind continues.
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., was founded January 16, 1920, at Howard University, in Washington, D.C. The Klan was very active during this period, and the Harlem Renaissance was acknowledged as the first important movement of Black artists and writers in the U.S. That same year, the Volstead Act became effective, heralding the start of Prohibition, and Tennessee delivered the crucial 36th ratification for the final adoption of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote. The worst and longest economic recession to hit the U.S. would define the end of the decade — The Great Depression.

It was within this environment that five coeds envisioned a sorority which would directly affect positive change, chart a course of action for the 1920s and beyond, raise consciousness, encourage the highest standards of scholastic achievement, and foster a greater sense of unity among its members. These women believed that sorority elitism and socializing overshadowed the real mission for progressive organizations and failed to address fully the societal mores, ills, prejudices and poverty affecting humanity in general and the black community in particular.

Since its inception, Zeta has continued its steady climb into the national spotlight with programs designed to demonstrate concern for the human condition both nationally and internationally. The organization has been innovative and chronicled a number of firsts. It was the first National Pan-Hellenic Council organization to centralize its operations in a national headquarters, the first to charter a chapter in Africa, the first to form auxiliary groups, and the first to be constitutionally bound to a fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

The sorority takes pride in its continued participation in transforming communities through volunteer services from members and its auxiliaries. Zeta Phi Beta has chartered hundreds of chapters worldwide and has more than 100,000 members.
Since its founding on December 4, 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African-Americans and people of color around the world. Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, by seven college men, known as the “Jewels,” who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country. Alpha Phi Alpha has long stood at the forefront of the African-American community’s fight for civil rights through leaders such as: W.E.B. Du Bois, Adam Clayton Powell Jr., Edward Brooke, Martin Luther King Jr., Thurgood Marshall and many others.

The Zeta Sigma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha was founded on November 3, 1969. Since then, the brothers of Zeta Sigma chapter have acquired many accolades, such as Alpha Phi Alpha’s Oklahoma District Chapter of the Year, BSA Step Show Champions and two UCO outstanding senior leader awards. During the school year, chapter initiatives include programs such as Jazz on the Nile, Black Man’s Caucus, Canned Food Drive, A Voteless People is a Hopeless People, Go to High School Go to College and My Brother’s Keeper.
Omega Psi Phi was founded on November 17, 1911, at Howard University in Washington, D.C. The founders were three Howard University undergraduates — Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper and Frank Coleman. Joining them was their faculty adviser, Dr. Ernest Everett Just. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., is the first international fraternal organization to be founded on the campus of a historically black college or university.

Manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift were adopted as Cardinal Principles.

There are many notable Omega men recognized as leaders in the arts, the sciences, academics, athletics, business, civil rights, education, government and science sectors at the local, national and international level.

Omega continues to flourish, largely because its founders were men of the very highest ideals and intellect. These founders selected and attracted men of similar ideals and characteristics. It is not by accident that many of America’s great black men are or were Omega Men.

There are very few Americans whose lives have not been touched by a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Chapter: Sigma Kappa

Founded: November 17, 1911, at Howard University

Date founded at UCO: March 10, 1978

Philanthropy: Chapters participate in activities that will uplift their communities.

Symbol: Lamp

Colors: Royal Purple and Old Gold

Famous Members: Dr. Charles Drew, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Langston Hughes, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Benjamin Hooks, Michael Jordan, Shaquille O’Neal, Steve Harvey, Rickey Smiley

Fun Fact: Omega Psi Phi was the first African American fraternity established at a historically black college.

National Website: www.omegapsiphifraternity.org

Social Media: Instagram: @UCO_Ques

www.uco.edu/se
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., January 9, 1914, by three young African-American male students. The Founders, Honorable A. Langston Taylor, Honorable Leonard F. Morse, and Honorable Charles I. Brown, wanted to organize a Greek letter fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service.

The Founders deeply wished to create an organization that viewed itself as “a part of” the general community rather than “apart from” the general community. They believed that each potential member should be judged by his own merits, rather than his family background or affluence...without regard to race, nationality, skin tone or texture of hair. They desired for their fraternity to exist as part of an even greater brotherhood which would be devoted to the “inclusive we” rather than the “exclusive we”.

From its inception, the Founders also conceived Phi Beta Sigma as a mechanism to deliver services to the general community. Rather than gaining skills to be utilized exclusively for themselves and their immediate families, they held a deep conviction that they should return their newly acquired skills to the communities from which they had come. This deep conviction was mirrored in the Fraternity’s motto, “Culture For Service and Service For Humanity”.

Today, Phi Beta Sigma has blossomed into an international organization of leaders. No longer a single entity, members of the Fraternity have been instrumental in the establishment of the Phi Beta Sigma National Foundation, the Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union and The Sigma Beta Club Foundation. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, founded in 1920 with the assistance of Phi Beta Sigma, is the sister organization of the Fraternity.
HOW TO REGISTER FOR RECRUITMENT:

To participate in Fall Formal Recruitment, the online registration form, registration fee, an official transcript and picture must be submitted. Register online at any time at www.uco.edu/greek. Click on “Panhellenic Recruitment” and complete the online registration form. The cost to register is $35 before June 30, $40 before July 31 and $45 between August 1-21. The registration fee is non-refundable.


For more information, please refer to the Panhellenic Viewbook.

Email: panhellenic@uco.edu

THE PANHELLENIC CHAPTERS INCLUDE:
- Alpha Delta Pi
- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Alpha Xi Delta
- Delta Zeta
- Sigma Kappa
- Sigma Sigma Sigma

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Chapter: Theta Xi

Founded: May 15, 1851, at Wesleyan Female College

Date Founded at UCO: Fall 2012

Philanthropy: Ronald McDonald House Charities

Flower: Woodland Violet

Mascot: Alphie the lion

Colors: Azure Blue and White

Famous Members: Jean Smart, Emily Procter, Nancy Grace, Ainsley Earhardt, Kelli Finglass, and Karen Fairchild

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

Local website: www.ucoadpi.com

National website: www.alphadeltapi.com

Local website: www.ucoadpi.com

Social Media:
- @ucoadpi
- @UCOADPi
- Alpha Delta Pi at the University of Central Oklahoma

The Adelphian Society was founded on May 15, 1851 at Wesleyan Female College in Macon, Georgia. This society was the first secret society for women which led to the creation of the phrase, “first, finest, forever.” Later our name was changed to Alpha Delta Pi and became a Panhellenic sorority. Our international organization consists of more than 155 active chapters across the United States and Canada. Our motto, “We Live for Each Other,” exemplifies the true meaning of fraternity. By living this motto, our lives are enriched by true friendships and by unselfish service to mankind.

The Theta Xi Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi was founded in 2012 at the University of Central Oklahoma. As a chapter, we are dedicated to the values of scholarship, leadership (self), sisterhood and service and strive to implement such principles into our daily lives as Alpha Delta Pi women. In our short tenure, we have hosted various philanthropy events such as ADPicnic, Mallard Ball and Just for Kicks, in which all proceeds were donated to our national philanthropy, Ronald McDonald House Charities. The Adelphian Society was founded on May 15, 1851 at Wesleyan Female College in Macon, Georgia. This society was the first secret society for women which led to the creation of the phrase, “first, finest, forever.” Later our name was changed to Alpha Delta Pi and became a Panhellenic sorority. Our international organization consists of more than 155 active chapters across the United States and Canada. Our motto, “We Live for Each Other,” exemplifies the true meaning of fraternity. By living this motto, our lives are enriched by true friendships and by unselfish service to mankind.
Alpha Gamma Delta was founded by 11 women on May 30, 1904 at Syracuse University. Our sorority focuses on academic excellence, philanthropic giving, ongoing leadership, personal development and, above all, a spirit of loving sisterhood. There are currently 185 collegiate chapters across North America. Guided by our purpose, Alpha Gams strive to attain a higher standard, thereby improving their lives, the lives of those around them and the communities in which they live. Together, we continually work to inspire women to impact the world.

Alpha Gamma Delta has been at the University of Central Oklahoma for more than 50 years. We maintain strong campus involvement and a deep-rooted sisterhood. Alpha Gams also strive to maintain excellent scholarship, educate the UCO community about our philanthropy, raise outstanding funds each year and watch our sisters flourish while obtaining prominent leadership roles on campus.
Alpha Xi Delta members work to “Realize Your Potential,” helping our members do that every day. Leadership, Knowledge, Sisterhood and Service are Alpha Xi Delta’s four founding principles. Our sisters help each other to be the best that we can. We are proud of our members and our variety of personalities. We are all so different, yet we all joined this chapter for the same reasons — to create the best sisterhood and to be there for each other. Alpha Xi’s philanthropy is Autism Speaks. This is the heart and soul of Alpha Xi. Some of the events that we host are Dance Your Boots Off, Football Frenxi, Light It Up Blue and the Autism Awareness Walk. Not only are these events super fun to host, but we raise awareness for a cause that we love so much.

Chapter: Iota Delta
Founded: 1893 at Lombard College
Date founded at UCO: May 1, 1999
Philanthropy: Autism Speaks
Flower: Pink Rose
Colors: Double Blue (light and dark) and Gold
Famous Members: Betsey Johnson, Jen Schefft, Kelly Earnhardt Elledge, Susan Koepan, Jane, Kim Webster, and Samantha Lindsey.

Fun Fact: Alpha Xi Delta was one of ten sororities that founded the National Panhellenic Conference. An Alpha Xi Delta wrote the Panhellenic Creed, which is still recited nationwide.

National Website: www.alphaxidelta.org

Social Media: @alphaxiuco
@alphaxiuco
Alpha Xi Delta – Iota Delta Chapter at University of Central Oklahoma

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The purpose of Sigma Kappa sorority is to provide women with lifelong opportunities and support for social, intellectual and spiritual development by bringing women together to positively impact our communities. There are more than 100 collegiate chapters in the United States with more than 147,500 members and alumnae. The women of Sigma Kappa sorority hold a special connection through our shared values of personal growth, friendship, loyalty and service. Sigma Kappa has been an active chapter on UCO’s campus for more than 50 years. Our lifelong friendships help mold us into the women we are today by setting ourselves to a higher standard in the name of Sigma Kappa sorority. Sigma Kappa’s loyalty to each other and our communities challenge us to grow as women and leaders in the local community as well as the global community. We proudly partner with the OKC Walk to End Alzheimer’s every year, with nearly $12,000 raised last year, ranking our Delta Chi sisterhood as one of the top five contributors.

DELTA ZETA

Chapter: Epsilon Upsilon

Founded: October 24, 1902, at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio

Date founded at UCO: September 11, 1956

Philanthropy: Speech and Hearing and the Painted Turtle Camp

Flower: Pink Killarney Rose

Mascot: Turtle

Colors: Rose and Green

Famous Members: Joy Behar, Florence Henderson, Marti Dodson, Nanette Fabray, Princess Martha of Norway; Mercedes Bates, Dr. Carolyn Leach Huntoon, Jean Haley Harper, Esther Stassen, and Hazel Smith

Fun Fact: Delta Zeta is the second largest national sorority with 158 collegiate chapters; largest international sorority

National Website: www.deltazeta.org

Local Website: www.ucodeltazeta.com

Social Media:
- @UCODeltaZeta
- @ucodeltazeta
- Delta Zeta Sorority – Epsilon Upsilon Chapter

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Sigma Sigma Sigma was founded by eight women on April 20, 1898 at Longwood University. Sigma Sigma Sigma’s mission is “To establish among its members a perpetual bond of friendship, to develop in them strong womanly character, and to impress upon them high standards of conduct.” This mission is carried out by empowering women through the core values of wisdom, power, faith, hope and love.

Sigma Sigma Sigma focuses their service and philanthropic efforts on Sigma Serves Children, which supports March of Dimes and other children’s hospitals around the country, and the Tri Sigma Foundation. This partnership allows members to give back to their local communities and to the numerous programs and educational opportunities Tri Sigma provides for them.