

sorority guide

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To the women of William & Mary,

This is your chance to learn more about our W&M sorority community and what joining a sorority can mean for you. The College is the birthplace of fraternity and sorority life with the formation of Phi Beta Kappa in 1776. Years later, Greek life still flourishes and now boasts a unique group of women with a wide range of interests. Did you know that nearly thirty percent of undergraduate women belong to a sorority? These remarkable women are leaders, scholars, volunteers, athletes, and friends.

We encourage you to visit our website and the various chapter websites for more information on sorority life and sorority recruitment. If you have questions, please feel free to contact either of us with any questions or concerns you might have, and we look forward to meeting you on campus!

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Recruitment

Pre-Recruitment Events

Meet the Greeks

Monday, August 22nd from 4:30pm-6:00pm on Yates Field
Come meet the fraternity and sorority chapters for some fun in the sun!

Greek Recruitment Reception

Wednesday, August 24th from 5:00pm-6:30pm in the Sadler Center
Enjoy light refreshments at our more intimate introduction to the sororities.
Casual atmosphere, so feel free to come and go as you please!

Greeks in the Garden

Saturday, August 27th from 4:30pm-6:00pm in the Sunken Garden
Head over to the Sunken Garden for an informal opportunity to meet representatives of the sorority community.

Recruitment Registration Deadline

Sunday, August 28th
Registration can be completed on the Greek Life website.
Registration tables will be at the Sadler Center, Campus Center, and Caf all week.

Recruitment Schedule

(Details on the Recruitment Schedule can be found on the Greek Life website)

Open House Round	Friday, September 2nd and Saturday, September 3rd
Philanthropy Day	Sunday, September 4th
Skit Day	Friday, September 9th
Preference Night	Saturday, September 10th
Bid Day	Sunday, September 11th

www.wm.edu/greeks

The Formal Recruitment Process

Formal Recruitment extends over two weekends at the beginning of the fall semester. During this time, potential new members have the opportunity to talk one-on-one with sorority women and learn more about each sorority's activities and values through a series of planned recruitment events. Visit the Recruitment section of the Greek Life website for more information and videos.

The Informal Recruitment Process

Informal recruitment begins immediately after the conclusion of formal recruitment and lasts throughout the academic year. Informal recruitment is another great opportunity for you to consider sorority membership. Not all sorority chapters at William & Mary participate in informal recruitment, so this should be taken into consideration when weighing which process is best for you. Informal recruitment is chapter-directed and not facilitated by the W&M Panhellenic Council. If you would like to participate, look for advertisements from both the chapters and Panhellenic regarding this process. Please contact the Office of Greek Life at (757) 221-3273 with questions.

Chapters Not Participating in Formal Recruitment

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. are members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council and do not participate in the W&M Panhellenic Formal Recruitment. For more information, please contact the Office of Greek Life at (757)221-3273.

the Sororities

Alpha Chi Omega

Together Let us Seek the Heights

W&M Founding: 1927
Philanthropy: Alpha Chi Omega
Foundation and Avalon: A Center for
Women and Children
wmpeople.wm.edu/alphachiomega

Chi Omega

*Sisters Inspired by our Values
who Serve the World While
Keeping Chi Omega Ever at Heart*

W&M Founding: 1921
Philanthropy: Make-A-Wish Foundation
www.chiomega.com/omicronbeta

Delta Delta Delta

Let us Steadfastly Love One Another

W&M Founding: 1928
Philanthropy: St. Jude's Children's
Research Hospital
www.wmtridelta.com

Delta Gamma

Do Good

W&M Founding: 1982
Philanthropy: Service for Sight
www.wm.edu/so/delta-gamma

Delta Sigma Theta

Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom

W&M Founding: 1976
Philanthropy:
Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy
wmpeople.wm.edu/deltasigmatheta

Gamma Phi Beta

Founded Upon a Rock

W&M Founding: 1934
Philanthropy: Campfire USA
www.wm.edu/so/gpbeta

Kappa Alpha Theta

Theta for a Lifetime

W&M Founding: 1922
Philanthropy: CASA
(Court Appointed Special Advocates)
www.wmtheta.org

Kappa Delta

*Let us Strive for That Which is
Honorable, Beautiful, and Highest*

W&M Founding: 1928
Philanthropy: Girl Scouts of the USA,
Prevent Child Abuse America, Richmond
Children's Hospital, Orthopedic Research
wmpeople.wm.edu/kappadelta

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Kappa Kappa Gamma is an organization of women, which seeks for every member throughout her life bonds of friendship, mutual support, opportunities for self-growth, respect for intellectual development, and an understanding of and an allegiance to positive ethical principles.

W&M Founding: 1923
Philanthropy: Reading Is Fundamental
chapters.kappakappagamma.org/gammakappa

Phi Mu

Phi Mu provides personal and academic development, service to others, commitment to excellence and lifelong friendship through a shared tradition. Phi Mu promotes vibrant living, encouraging members to achieve their personal best.

W&M Founding: 1926
Philanthropy: Children's Miracle
Network, Susan G. Komen for the Cure
wm.phimu.org

Pi Beta Phi

To cultivate sincere friendship.
To establish the real objects of life.
To promote the happiness of humanity.
To encourage and assist members in moral, mental, and social advancement.

W&M Founding: 1925
Philanthropy: The Pi Beta Phi Foundation
and Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts
www.pibetaphi.org/wm

Sigma Gamma Rho

On Fire to Serve!

W&M Founding: 2011
www.sgrho1922.org

the 4 Tenets of Greek Life

Scholarship

Greek life at William and Mary is dedicated to academic excellence. The sorority community works toward furthering its members' academic success. There are numerous resources both within individual chapters and through Panhellenic to encourage and support academic achievement. Some programs in the Greek community include study incentives, major-specific mentor programs, study halls, scholarship opportunities, educational programs, and strengthening relationships with the College's faculty and staff through networking events.

Service

The sorority community is dedicated to service locally, nationally and internationally. Each chapter sponsors one or more national philanthropy such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Chapters raise money for these and other local charitable organizations through events like Pi-Hop, Kappasta, Phi Mu Fondue, Crabfeast, Chi-O Karaoke, Charity Denim and so many more! Many sorority women take their values abroad and participate in international service trips for medical relief and general aid. As a collective sorority community, the W&M Panhellenic Council and its members partner with the Arc of Greater Williamsburg to hold monthly events for clients of the Arc. Amid the rigorous academics at The College, Greeks find time to lend a hand to those in need.

Community

In joining a sorority, you are joining a diverse community of over 900 women. Additionally, each chapter is a part of a strong (inter)national organization with hundreds of thousands of active members and alumnae. Becoming a member of a sorority means forming a lifelong bond of values with women across the campus and across the nation. Many all-Greek programming activities take place through both the W&M Panhellenic Council and Inter-Fraternity Council and are highly valued by the sorority and fraternity community. Events such as Greek Formal, the Arc Carnival, Senior Toast, Greek Leadership Institute, IM sports and philanthropies bring Greek students together for fun, fellowship, and learning.

Leadership

Joining a sorority is a perfect opportunity to grow as a person and develop new life skills that will help you beyond your years in school. Active membership in a chapter opens the door for a number of appointed and executive positions. When you get involved in chapter leadership roles, it is basically like being an officer on the board of a small corporation – teaching you endless life skills. Many members of the sorority community also hold leadership positions in a variety of other student organizations, allowing all sorority women the opportunity to connect and become involved with other opportunities on campus.



Value of Joining a Greek Organization

Membership in a sorority is a unique experience that continues long after you graduate. As a member of a sorority you have the opportunity to form deep friendships, develop your leadership skills, and contribute to the college and the surrounding community. Your membership in a Greek organization is life-long and there are many opportunities to stay involved and connected with your chapter and sisters after graduation.

