RECRUITMENT 2016
RECORD SETTING YEAR FOR VILLANOVA PANHELLENIC SORORITY RECRUITMENT

The nine Villanova sororities recently completed their formal recruitment week, extending bids to 399 ecstatic women at the Jake Nevin Field House during the Bid Celebration. This year many changes were made to the recruitment process, changes enthusiastically welcomed by PNMs and chapter members alike.

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**What made you want to join Greek Life as a colligate?**

“I was a leader in high school and I realized after one semester in school, I was missing the opportunity to be a part of something bigger than myself.”

**What lead you to a career in Greek Leadership?**

“I joined Alpha Gamma Delta, and ended up traveling as a leadership consultant for Alpha Gam. I loved working on a college campus and impacting students to be their best self. While I was getting my masters in Higher Education Administration at Florida State, I worked in the Greek life office. I just knew there is so much good that can come out of Greek Life and helping students find that good and share it with others.”

**What will you take away from your experiences at Villanova?**

“Students who go to Villanova have big hearts and that’s not the case at every university. Students truly care about each other and care about their community. I want to take what I have learned here and share that with other universities and organizations and challenge students elsewhere to lead with their heart.”

**Where do you want to see Greek Life at Villanova go the future?**

“I want our community to continue to grow, but grow with students inspired to develop an inclusive welcoming environment; one that is a positive experience for themselves and their members. I want to have people be better tomorrow than they are today.”
Each sorority at Villanova has a unique philanthropy to hold close to their heart, one they support year round through fundraising and events. The National Panhellenic Council at Villanova has decided, in the spirit of cooperation and compassion, to designate an organization to be supported by all sorority women on campus. Circle of Sisterhood, with its emphasis on breaking the cycle of poverty through female education, is the perfect such cause. Greeks at Villanova were introduced to Circle of Sisterhood last fall, through a screening of *Half the Sky* on campus. To continue this awareness, Panhellenic has decided to host a Women’s Empowerment Week in March to begin raising funds. This week will include philanthropy events put on by chapters, panels of female leaders, and coordination with other groups on campus to increase engagement. We encourage anyone not familiar with the organization to check out [this video](#) for more information on how to get involved!
The two major adjustments made concerned the timing of rounds and the location of rounds. In previous years, rounds were held at two different times, early morning and late afternoon. This allowed two sororities to use the same room, a necessary evil due to limited open space on campus. This situation brought with it stress of quick room turnover and extremely late nights and early mornings during an already very tiring week.

Due to the determined spirit of the Panhellenic Recruitment Team, 4 new rooms (Alumni Gym, Ice Center, The Exchange, and The Commuter Lounge) were secured for recruitment. This allowed each sorority exclusive access to one room. Because of this, rounds could be all at once and held at midday, giving both recruiters and PNMs a more manageable recruitment schedule.

PNMs found this time to be the most revealing.

One PNM said about Service Round “I felt that this round really allowed me to see the deeper aspects of the sorority and the true values of the girls in them.” Another PNM found Preference to be her favorite, saying “At this point, I felt like I was already a part of the sisterhood. It made me feel at home and excited to be a part of something so amazing.”

Our members would reiterate these sentiments, happy to share their sisterhood with the PNMs and glad to now welcome them into it!

Members of Alpha Phi

Members of Kappa Delta

Members of Delta Gamma
Over MLK Weekend, presidents and council members from Panhellenic, IFC, and Multicultural Greek Councils met at Gretna Glen Retreat Center for a leadership retreat. The weekend, called QUEST, was formulated in order to facilitate conversation between Greek Leaders and create common goals for the year ahead.

The weekend began with icebreakers and introductions, each participant learning more about their fellow Greeks and their goals for the coming year. After also discussing individual goals for QUEST, the Greeks were split up into small groups containing a mix of members of each council, to facilitate deeper reflection.

During the weekend, members discussed issues plaguing the Greek community such as exclusivity, societal perception of Greek Life, and competition among organizations. These issues were discussed in large and small groups, and ideas were workshopped to combat these problems in order to promote community.

The culmination of the weekend saw the presidents and council members break off into the groups they represent and tasked them with creating an action plan for their upcoming term. Taking into consideration the issues discussed during the weekend, personal improvement objectives, and the ideas of fellow Greek leaders, the participants of Quest have set themselves up for a successful year ahead!
GREEK EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

February 4th  6-7:00pm
Interfraternity Council Bid Day

February 8th-12th
Alpha Psi Lambda Founder’s Week

February 8th-12th
Alpha Phi Heart Health Week

February 8th-12th
AXO Healthy Relationships Week

February 10th  11-5:00pm
Lambda Theta Alpha Krispy Kreme Sale | Café Nova

February 17th  11-5:00pm
Lambda Theta Alpha Krispy Kreme Sale | Connelly

February 9th  8-10:00pm
DG Desserts | Cafe Nova

February 16th, 23rd  7-8:30pm
Recruitment Focus Groups | SAC 300

February 22nd  7-8:30pm
Love the Skin You’re In Fashion Show | Villanova Room