Dear OSU Student:

I, Adrian Carlos Vega, as the president of the Multicultural Greek Council would like to welcome you to Oklahoma State University and thank you for showing interest in the Multicultural Greek Council at Oklahoma State University.

The Multicultural Greek Council, better known as MGC, is the governing body of the internationally and nationally recognized diverse fraternities and sororities at Oklahoma State University. The primary purpose is to unite its member organizations in order to share ideas and provide a support network for students. Members of MGC experience fraternity and sorority life in a very unique way.

I hope this booklet helps you decide your future path. I strongly encourage you to look at each individual fraternity and sorority to see if any of them are right for you. If you have any questions feel free to contact the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs or me at carlos.vega@okstate.edu.

Fraternally,

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ABOUT MGC

The Multicultural Greek Council is one of the four fraternity and sorority community governing councils at Oklahoma State University. It was established to meet the needs of fraternities and sororities aligned with underrepresented populations that were not previously being met by the fraternity and sorority system. In November 2002, Alpha Pi Omega Sorority, Inc. and Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc., the founding member organizations, came together to create a governing body that would unite all multicultural Greek-lettered organizations. In August 2003, the Multicultural Greek Council constitution was accepted, and the council was officially recognized on the Oklahoma State University campus. In January 2004, MGC accepted its first additional member organization, Delta Epsilon Psi Fraternity, Inc. Learn more about the current MGC organizations by reviewing the organization profiles in this booklet. MGC holds regular council meetings every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. when school is in session. Follow @MGC_OSU on Twitter for more details.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Multicultural Greek Council executive officers are elected by their peers to lead the council. Their responsibilities include event planning and publicity for the council, providing education and avenues for accountability for the member organizations, managing the council’s assets and representing the Multicultural Greek Council at regional conferences, on university committees, on campus, and in the Stillwater community. The executive officers work with other governing councils to promote strength and unity among all members of fraternity and sorority life.

AWARDS

Along with the officers of the other three governing councils, the Multicultural Greek Council executive officers belong to the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values. Each spring semester, the group travels to the Central Fraternal Leadership Conference. In 2013, the Oklahoma State University Multicultural Greek Council received recognition in three awards categories: Academic Achievement, Community Service, and Council Management.

Additionally, for the sixteenth semester since 2004, the fraternity and sorority community was awarded the Gamma Sigma Alpha GPA Award at AFLV. The community GPA is .3538 above the non-Greek average at OSU, which was the highest GPA differential in the entire Midwest region of the U.S. for the fall 2012 semester.

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MEMBERSHIP INTAKE

The member organizations of the Multicultural Greek Council recruit members throughout the school year on an informal basis. This process is known as membership intake. Each organization has a different set of membership requirements (scholastic achievement, community involvement, high school and college involvement, etc.). You can find those requirements on the organizations’ individual pages. In general, organizations will hold informational events at the beginning of the semesters in which they are accepting new members. However, some organizations have a required minimum number of college credit hours. For more information about becoming a member of an MGC fraternity or sorority, please complete a prospective member interest form at http://mgc.okstate.edu.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

How do I join a Multicultural Greek Council organization?
Each member organization of the Multicultural Greek Council recruits members in a different way. A basic explanation would be that they recruit on an informal basis throughout the school year. Further, each organization has a different set of membership requirements (scholastic achievement, community involvement, high school and college involvement, etc.) and some organizations have a required minimum number of college credit hours. For more information about becoming a member of a specific fraternity or sorority, please visit the organization profile pages in this booklet. To have your information provided to an organization you’re interested in joining, please visit http://mgc.okstate.edu, complete a prospective member interest form, and return it to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs.

Can I join a multicultural organization if I’m not “multicultural”?
Each individual has the opportunity to bring something unique to any group. Although these organizations were founded on the basis of a specific underrepresented population, membership is not restricted to persons of a certain background. Prospective members who meet the academic requirements set forth by the organization and possess similar values to those espoused by the organization can be offered membership.

Where are the MGC organizations’ houses?
Multicultural Greek Council organizations are not housed. They conduct regular meetings as well as host their events on campus.

Will my grades suffer?
The all-Greek average GPA at OSU is consistently higher than the non-Greek average GPA. Additionally, each organization has academic requirements. They will support each member through programs and mentors as they strive to meet the organization’s standards.
ALCOHOL POLICY

The possession, use and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages is absolutely prohibited while on chapter premises. During an official fraternity event, or in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, alcohol consumption must be in compliance with any and all applicable laws of the state, county, city and university.

No alcoholic beverages may be purchased through the chapter treasury nor may the purchase of alcohol for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any person in the name of or on behalf of the chapter. The purchase and/or use of bulk quantities of such alcoholic beverage (i.e. kegs, party balls, etc.) by any chapter’s members or new members, or the purchase of bulk quantity of alcoholic beverages by an individual for a chapter is prohibited.

No chapter may co-sponsor or co-finance a function where alcohol is purchased by any of the host chapters, groups or organizations.

No chapter members/new members, collectively or individually, shall purchase for, serve to, or sell alcoholic beverages (to include 3.2 beer or stronger) to anyone under the age of 21 years.

No chapter may co-sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor, charitable organization or tavern (where tavern is defined as an establishment generating more than one half of annual gross sales from alcohol) where alcohol is given away, sold or otherwise provided to those present.

All recruitment activities associated with any chapter, without regard to location, will be dry recruitment functions.

Open parties where alcohol is present, meaning those with unrestricted access by non-members of the fraternity, without specific invitation, shall be prohibited.

No “drinking games” in any form shall be permitted, tolerated or encouraged.

No alcohol shall be present at any new member program activity of the chapter.

HAZING CODE

Hazing in any form at Oklahoma State University is absolutely forbidden. Hazing is defined as any activity which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into, or affiliation with, any organization operating subject to the sanction of the public or private school or of any institution of higher education in the state of Oklahoma. In addition, the Oklahoma State University Student Rights and Responsibilities Governing Student Behavior document prohibits any form of racial, ethnic and sexual harassment.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The governing councils of the fraternity and sorority community and Oklahoma State University, in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Higher Education Act), do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ethnicity in any of their policies, practices or procedures.

*The governing councils of the fraternity and sorority community and each member chapter are required to follow the policies listed on this page. Any violation will result in a judicial board hearing. Copies of both the Alcohol Policy and Hazing Code can be found on the Fraternity & Sorority Affairs website at http://gogreek.okstate.edu.
NATIONAL FOUNDING
September 1, 1994

LOCAL FOUNDING
November 2002

COLORS
Fire Red, New Grass Green & Maize Yellow

FLOWER
Dogwood

MASCOT
Queen Bee

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY
NIEA (National Indian Education Association)

LOCAL PHILANTHROPY
NIEA (National Indian Education Association)

NATIONAL WEBSITE
www.alphapiomega.org

LENGTH OF NEW MEMBER PROGRAM
42 days

REQUIRED GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR INTAKE
2.3 GPA
DELTA PHI LAMBDA
SORORITY, INC.

NATIONAL FOUNDING
December 5, 1998

LOCAL FOUNDING
Fall 2013

COLORS
Navy Blue & Silver

FLOWER
Blue Rose

MASCOT
Butterfly

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY
Osteoporosis Awareness

LOCAL PHILANTHROPY
Osteoporosis Awareness

NATIONAL WEBSITE
www.deltaphilambda.org

LENGTH OF NEW MEMBER PROGRAM
Six to eight weeks

REQUIRED GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR INTAKE
3.0 GPA for charter class / 2.75 for active members
National Founding
February 13, 1996

Local Founding
Spring 2005

Colors
Red, Yellow, Black & White

Flower
None

Mascot
Snapping Turtle

National Philanthropy
N/A

Local Philanthropy
N/A

National Website
www.phisigmanu.com

Length of New Member Program
Five weeks

Required Grade Point Average for Intake
2.3 GPA
SIGMA BETA RHO

FRATERNITY, INC.

NATIONAL FOUNDING
August 16, 1996

LOCAL FOUNDING
Fall 2013

COLORS
Red, Black & Green

FLOWER
N/A

MASCOT
King Cobra

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY
S.O.S. Children’s Villages

LOCAL PHILANTHROPY
S.O.S. Children’s Villages

NATIONAL WEBSITE
www.sigmabetarho.com

LENGTH OF NEW MEMBER PROGRAM
Varies

REQUIRED GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR INTAKE
2.5 GPA
SIGMA LAMBDA ALPHA

S O R O R I T Y, I N C.

NATIONAL FOUNDING
October 1992

LOCAL FOUNDING
April 28, 2013

COLORS
Burgundy, Forest Green & Gold

FLOWER
Red Rose

MASCOT
Bald Eagle

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY
Boys and Girls Club of America

LOCAL PHILANTHROPY
YMCA

NATIONAL WEBSITE
www.sigmalambdalambdaalpha.org

LENGTH OF NEW MEMBER PROGRAM
Five to seven weeks

REQUIRED GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR INTAKE
2.5 GPA
SIGMA LAMBDA BETA

NATIONAL FOUNDING
April 4, 1986

LOCAL FOUNDING
December 3, 2011

COLORS
Royal Purple & Pure White

FLOWER
Red Carnation

MASCOT
White Stallion Mustang

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY
Victor Correa’s CPR Awareness Day

LOCAL PHILANTHROPY
Habitat for Humanity

NATIONAL WEBSITE
www.sigmalambdabeta.com

LENGTH OF NEW MEMBER PROGRAM
Eight to 10 weeks

REQUIRED GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR INTAKE
2.5 GPA
SIGMA LAMBDAGAMMA
SOPORITY, INC.

NATIONAL FOUNDING
April 9, 1990

LOCAL FOUNDING
November 20, 2009

COLORS
Shocking Pink & Majestic Purple

FLOWER
Pink Rose

MASCOT
Purple Panther

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY
Breast Cancer Awareness & TRiO Programs

LOCAL PHILANTHROPY
Breast Cancer Awareness

NATIONAL WEBSITE
www.sigmalambdagamma.com

LENGTH OF NEW MEMBER PROGRAM
Varies

REQUIRED GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR INTAKE
2.6 GPA
**TERMS TO KNOW**

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

**ALUMNI:** An initiated member who is no longer an undergraduate student.

**BROTHER/SISTER:** Term used by active members in a fraternity/sorority when referring to each other.

**CALLS:** A unique vocal expression attributed to an organization. Calls are special to members and shouldn’t be replicated by non-members.

**CHAPTER:** The men or women comprising each local collegiate group of a national fraternity or sorority.

**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.

**CROSSING:** A term used to indicate that a new member has been fully initiated into a group.

**FRATERNITY/SORORITY:** A group of men/women bonded together for educational and social purposes. Each strives to provide a point of reference from which each individual can evaluate his/her own desires and achievements as well as his/her own feelings of worth as a contributing member.

**GRADUATE ADVISOR CHAPTER:** An individual or group of alumni working to advise the local undergraduate chapter; this group is affiliated with the national organization and not the university.

**HAND SIGN:** A symbol or gesture made with the hands to signify an organization. Hand signs are special to members and shouldn’t be replicated by non-members.

**HAZING:** A negative form of conduct that focuses on mistreating, demeaning or otherwise degrading the personal worth of another individual. Hazing is prohibited by all national fraternities, the State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University and the OSU fraternity and sorority community.

**INTERFRATERNAL COUNCIL (IFC):** The official governing body over all NIC fraternities.

**INFORMATIONAL:** A forum for individuals interested in seeking more information about a particular fraternity or sorority.
INITIATION: The formal ceremonies, or ritual, by which new members complete membership into a chapter and receive full membership privileges.

INTAKE OR MEMBERSHIP INTAKE: The term groups use to bring new members into an organization. Each MGC and NPHC group determines when they will conduct intake. Each group can be assisted in this process by their graduate chapter and/or graduate advisor. In general, MGC and NPHC groups require sophomore status and a 2.5 cumulative GPA for someone to go through intake.

LEGACY: Someone whose mother, father, sister or brother are members of a particular group. Some consider an aunt or an uncle a legacy also.

LINE: Group of individuals going through the membership intake process. Another term is new member class.

LINE BROTHER/SISTER: Members who went through the membership intake process together.

MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL (MGC): The governing council representing the Greek-letter organizations affiliated with ethnicity, sexual identity, or underrepresented population interests at Oklahoma State University.

NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS: The governing organization of a fraternity/sorority.

NEOPHYTE: A term some organizations use to refer to a new member of a fraternity or sorority.

NEOPHYTE SHOW/NEW MEMBER PRESENTATION/PROBATE: Interchangeable terms used to describe the public announcement of the newest members’ crossing (initiation).

NEW MEMBER: A potential member who has accepted the bid of a fraternity or sorority and has taken the first step toward full membership, but has not yet crossed.

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL (NPHC): The governing organization of the nine historically Black Greek-letter organizations. This acronym also refers to the local governing council of an institution.

PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION: The term that refers to all members of the Panhellenic community at Oklahoma State University.

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

PHILANTHROPY: Charitable projects or donations sponsored by a fraternity or sorority.

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER: An unaffiliated man or woman who participates in intake.

RITUAL: The activity by which a fraternity or sorority brings into membership its new members who have met initiation requirements; the traditionally secret ceremonies of a fraternity or sorority.