Welcome

to the tradition that Butler has sustained for over 150 years: Greek Life! The opportunities that sorority life can bring you are never-ending. All the sororities on campus aim for excellence in academics, campus leadership, and community involvement. Each sorority chapter is unique, but no matter the letters, we are all tied together as one big Greek family.

Our primary recruitment period is an exciting time that occurs just before the start of the second semester. During recruitment, you will visit the chapter houses and learn about different aspects of membership within these organizations. However, before recruitment even starts, there are a number of ways to explore Greek Life at Butler.

There may be opportunities to meet sorority members at a chapter house for lunch or dinner, as well as to attend all-campus philanthropy events. Sorority Open House events will be held in September and November. Butler Panhellenic’s Sorority 101 will provide you with an overview of sorority life, while Cocoa and Questions with Panhel will give you more information on Primary Recruitment, including attire, schedules, and so much more. We encourage you to attend these events and learn more about our sorority community. We are so glad that you have made the decision to look further into Greek Life and we cannot wait to share this journey with you!

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Why go Greek?

- **Friendship**- More than just providing fun social events, sorority membership allows individuals to meet amazing friends and develop interpersonal skills. Whether you need a shoulder to cry on, a running buddy, or a friend who shares your love of food, sorority sisters will always be there for you when you need them!

- **Involvement**- Being a member of a sorority connects you to so many people, including your fellow chapter members and other sorority members around the world. You will find, as an alumna, that you have a bond with other Greek alumnae because you share common experiences. These connections can help you with finding jobs, internships, opportunities for community or campus involvement, and so much more.

- **Leadership**- There are so many opportunities for leadership roles in a sorority. From being a chapter officer to taking a role in the Panhellenic Association, you can develop many skills that will help you succeed at Butler and beyond.

- **Scholarship**- With so many sisters around, there is always someone to study with you. Sororities encourage the academic success of their members and chapter academic achievement is a point of pride for Butler sororities.

- **Service and Philanthropy**- Community outreach is very important to sorority life. All chapters at Butler host annual all-campus events that raise funds for the sorority’s national philanthropy. In addition, all chapters encourage their members to participate in hands-on service projects. As a member, you can enjoy volunteering for a cause with your sisters while helping the local community.
Panhellenic Association

The Panhellenic Association is the tie that binds many sororities together. Butler Panhellenic Association, as a member of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), is a council of representatives from the seven NPC Chapters on campus. The NPC chapters on campus include Alpha Phi, Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Pi Beta Phi. Every sorority member in these seven chapters is a member of the Panhellenic Association by affiliating with a specific chapter. In addition to coordinating recruitment, the Panhellenic Association also provides leadership, service, educational opportunities, and programming. The Panhellenic Executive Board consists of officers who facilitate these activities on behalf of the NPC chapters. The Executive Board has planned informational events throughout the fall semester to help you learn more about Butler’s Greek community and all it has to offer. We encourage you to attend these events: Sorority 101, Sorority House Tours, and Cocoa and Questions with Panhel.
Recruitment Counselors

The Panhellenic Executive Board selects Recruitment Counselors from every chapter on campus to guide you through the recruitment process. Recruitment Counselors are sorority members who serve as representatives of Greek Life. These individuals are there for you throughout your recruitment journey if you have any questions or concerns. Recruitment Counselors remain neutral throughout the recruitment process, meaning that they have agreed to have no communication with their respective chapters regarding recruitment matters. This helps to ensure that you will receive the most unbiased advice and information as you participate in the process. Recruitment Counselors, along with the Panhellenic Executive Board, are your best and most informed Greek resources; please use them for any questions or concerns related to Greek Life.
Important Dates

August 2017
Tuesday, August 22nd Block Party
Friday, August 25th Lemonade for Literacy (Pi Beta Phi)
Wednesday, August 30th Alpha Chi Omega S’mores

September 2017
Tuesday, September 5th Theta Twist
Wednesday, September 6th Delta Donuts
Friday, September 8th Pi Beta Paradise
Friday, September 15th Country Phiver
Sunday, September 17th House Tours #1
Friday, September 22nd Kappa Kickoff

October 2017
Wednesday, October 4th Alpha Chi Omega Philanthropy Event
Friday, October 6th Alpha Chi Omega Frisbee Fling
Tuesday, October 10th Sorority 101
Monday, October 23rd Mac ‘n’ Phi’s (Alpha Phi)
Monday, October 23rd Karaoke for CASA (Kappa Alpha Theta)
Tuesday, October 24th Pi Beta Phi Philanthropy Event

November 2017
Tuesday, November 7th Cocoa and Questions
Wednesday, November 8th Kappa Harvest
Friday, November 10th Anchor Splash Lip Sync (Delta Gamma)
Friday, November 10th Tri Delta FlapJack Attack
Sunday, November 12th House Tours #2
Monday, November 13th Mac ‘n’ Phi’s (Alpha Phi)
Friday, November 17th Last day to register online

December 2018
Monday, December 4th Final day of recruitment registration

January 2018
Tuesday, January 9th Residence halls open for recruitment, 12pm
Tuesday, January 9th Orientation Meeting, Reilly Room, 8 pm
Wednesday, January 10th Recruitment begins with Open Houses
Thursday, January 11th Philanthropy Day (6 Party)
Friday, January 12th Sisterhood Day (4 Party)
Saturday, January 13th Preference Round
Sunday, January 14th Bid Day
How to Register

We are excited that you are interested in Primary Recruitment, January 9th-14th. Here at Butler, we use online registration!

Please visit: http://butler.mycampusdirector2.com

Online registration will be open from October 1 through November 18. Once you complete your recruitment account, an online payment of $85 is required before your registration is complete. The Panhellenic Association uses a secure online payment system service, GreekBill.

The recruitment fee is to cover administrative costs of the Panhellenic Association as well as covering most meals during recruitment, beginning with lunch on Wednesday, January 10th. Breakfasts, as well as dinner on Saturday, January 13th are not included, so please plan accordingly. Your semester meal plan begins with dinner on Sunday, January 14th.

If you wish to register after November 18, or if you wish to pay by check or money order, you will need to contact Becky Druetzler, Director of Greek Life, bdruetzel@butler.edu.

Important deadlines: Monday, December 4th is the last day to register for recruitment, as well as the last day to withdraw from recruitment and receive a partial refund of $75. After this date, no refunds will be issued.

***Please make travel plans accordingly. You will not be able to return to campus earlier than Tuesday, January 9th. Fraternity Recruitment is on a different schedule and residence halls do not open for students returning for Fraternity Recruitment until Wednesday, January 10th. Do not plan to share travel with students returning for Fraternity Recruitment or with fraternity or sorority members who may be arriving earlier.
Recruitment: the Process and Details

Primary Recruitment is a week-long process through which potential new members may be invited to membership of one of Butler’s seven NPC sororities. During this week, potential new members and chapter members get to know one another through four days of events: Open Houses, Sisterhood Day, Philanthropy Day, and Preference Night. Events are scheduled through much of the day, with a meeting in the evening.

These events are organized to give potential new members the opportunities to see many different aspects of sorority life, as well as allowing the chapters to get to know potential new members.

As the week progresses, events are invitational. Participants are required to accept their maximum number of invitations each day so that the potential new members can maximize their opportunities to get to know the chapters. With each successive day, the events become more personal and meaningful, giving participants the chance to see the unique characteristics of the chapters.

The Recruitment Schedule:

Open House Day-- Attend events at each house (all required)
Philanthropy Day-- Attend up to six events, as invited
Sisterhood Day-- Attend up to four events, as invited
Preference Night-- Attend up to two events, as invited
Recruitment: the Process and Details

Every morning, participants will meet with their Recruitment Counselors and receive their individual schedules for that day. Attendance will be taken and potential new members will line up in the Reilly Room prior to each event. Recruitment Counselors will escort participants between the chapter houses and the Reilly Room. Since there is a lot of walking, it is important for you to wear comfortable shoes!

At the end of each day, potential new members will meet with their Recruitment Counselors to process their experiences during that day. The potential new members will indicate their priorities for attending events the following day, in the event they receive more than the maximum invitations.

Each round of recruitment has some potentially long days due to the number and length of events. Remember, you will be taking time to talk to a variety of women from various chapters and learning more about their organizations. It is a great way to meet a lot of people at Butler in a short amount of time!
What to Wear: Open House Day 1

For the 8-Party Round, you will attend seven 40-minute events with a 20-minute break in between each event. During this day, you will receive an overview of each sorority and have the opportunity to talk to members in each chapter. You will be touring all seven sorority houses with at least one 40-minute break during the day. To protect your property and a courtesy to the chapters, please do not bring purses or cell phones to recruitment events. When it gets rainy and/or cold, remember it is OK and encouraged to dress accordingly.

Recommended Attire: Casual/Cute
- Jeans
- Sweaters/Cardigans
- Blouses
- Boots
- Flats
- Casual Dress (with tights or leggings)
- Appropriate Jacket

NOT Recommended Attire:
- Yoga Pants
- Tank Tops
- Flip Flops
- Heels
What to Wear: Philanthropy Day 2

Philanthropy Day consists of up to six 40 minute events. For this round, you will be given an in-depth look at each sorority’s philanthropy. You might make a craft related to the specific philanthropy or hear a presentation about a local initiative.

Recommended Attire: Casual/Cute
- Jeans
- Sweaters/Cardigans
- Blouses
- Boots
- Flats
- Casual Dress (with tights or leggings)
- Appropriate Jacket

NOT Recommended Attire:
- Yoga Pants
- Tank Tops
- Flip Flops
- Heels
What to Wear: Sisterhood Day 3

On Sisterhood Day, you will attend up to four 1 hour events. For this round, you will gain a better understanding of the special and unique sisterhood bond members share with one another.

**Recommended Attire: Casual/Cute**
- Jeans
- Sweaters/Cardigans
- Blouses
- Boots
- Flats
- Casual Dress (with tights or leggings)
- Appropriate Jacket

**NOT Recommended Attire:**
- Yoga Pants
- Tank Tops
- Flip Flops
- Heels
What to Wear: Preference Night 4

Preference Night is the final round of recruitment. You will attend up to two 75-minute events. For this night, individuals will get a chance to see the serious side of Greek Life and be introduced to special events in the chapter.

**Recommended Attire:**
Nice coctail or semi-formal dress of any color
Heels or flats that are comfortable
Cardigans

**NOT Recommended Attire:**
Summer/spring dresses
Uncomfortable heels
Formal gown
**Sorority Lingo**

**Active Member:** A fully initiated undergraduate member of a fraternity or sorority.

**Bid:** Invitation to join a sorority or fraternity.

**Chapter:** Local organization of undergraduate students on a campus recognized by the University and the national or international organization.

**Initiation:** A traditional ceremony that brings a new member into full membership of a sorority or fraternity. Once you are initiated into an NPC sorority, you are ineligible for membership in any other.

**Intentional Single Preference:** When a potential member attends more than one Preference Event but intentionally lists only one preference on the Membership Recruitment Acceptance Binding Agreement (MRABA).

**Legacy:** A daughter, sister, or granddaughter of an initiated member of a sorority. Chapters at Butler do not recognize the aunt/niece relationship as a legacy. Different groups have different definitions of legacies. Being a legacy does not guarantee a bid to a particular sorority. Each national or international organization has its own policy for invitations to legacies during recruitment.

**MRABA (Membership Recruitment Acceptance Binding Agreement):** A potential new member chooses which chapter(s) to list on the MRABA and to accept membership from any organization listed. If the potential new member later declines a bid, the potential new member is required to wait for one calendar year, or until the next Primary Recruitment period, before participating in any recruitment activities.

**National Panhellenic Conference:** Umbrella organization for 26 national and international social sororities.
Sorority Lingo

**New Member**: A person who has accepted a bid from a sorority but is not yet an initiated member of that chapter. Each national organization requires its chapters to present an approved new member orientation program during which the new members learn more about the sorority to prepare them for membership.

**Panhellenic Association**: Governing body of the 7 National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) sororities at Butler University.

**Potential New Member (PNM)**: An individual who is eligible to participate in recruitment.

**Primary Recruitment**: Designated period when potential new members and Panhellenic sororities get to know each other through structured events.

**Recommendation**: A form completed by an alumna member of a sorority recommending a potential new member for membership. Recommendations can be helpful to both the PNM and the chapter, but are not required. Having a recommendation does not guarantee an invitation to that chapter.

**Recruitment Counselor**: A sorority member on the Panhellenic Association recruitment team who is neutral regarding membership in order to serve as a recruitment guide. Each PNM will be assigned a Recruitment Counselor during Primary Recruitment.
Important Considerations

Eligibility

Because each chapter requires no less than a 2.75 minimum cumulative GPA as a full-time student to be considered for membership, participants must have successfully completed 12 hours of college credit towards a degree by the end of Fall Semester 2017 and must have attained a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 (not rounded upward) to participate in recruitment. In addition, students on University probation for any reason are also not eligible to participate in recruitment activities.

Financial Obligations

Financial information is available, upon request, from each chapter during the fall semester. As part of a national organization that provides lifetime benefits and services, each sorority will assess new member fees that will be paid early in the new member period. Fees will typically be in the range of $800-$1400. The first semester of membership is usually the most expensive, with most one-time components paid at this time. In each subsequent semester, membership dues will also be assessed.

Housing

Living in the sorority chapter house is a unique experience. All the houses are independently owned by alumnae or national house corporation boards. These housing boards are responsible for the house maintenance, establishing room and board fees, and hiring staff. Only sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible to live in the houses. Housing is not guaranteed for a definite number of semesters and depends on each chapter’s capacity.
Alpha Chi Omega

**Nickname:** Alpha Chi  
**Founded:** DePauw University (1885)  
**Colors:** Scarlet Red & Olive Green  
**Flower:** Red Carnation  
**Symbol:** Lyre  
**GPA Required:** 2.8  
**National Philanthropy:** Alpha Chi Omega Foundation, Ending Domestic Violence  
**Philanthropy Events:** A Chi S’mores, Frisbee Fling, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes  
**Website:** [http://betleraxo.wix.com/butleraxo](http://betleraxo.wix.com/butleraxo)
Alpha Phi

Nickname: A Phi
Founded: Syracuse University (1872)
Colors: Silver and Bordeaux
Flower: Forget-Me-Not, Lily of the Valley
Symbols: Bear and Ivy Leaf
GPA Required: 2.75
National Philanthropy: Alpha Phi Foundation allocations to Cardiac Care, Forget Me Not and Scholarships
Philanthropy Events: Country Phiver, Red Dress Gala
Website: www.butleralphaphi.weebly.com
Delta Delta Delta

**Nickname:** Tri Delta  
**Founded:** Boston College (1888)  
**Colors:** Silver, Gold, Cerulean Blue  
**Flower:** Pansy  
**Symbols:** Dolphin, Pine Tree, Trident, Pearl  
**GPA Required:** 2.75  
**National Philanthropy:** Children’s Cancer Research  
**Philanthropy Events:** Flapjack Attack, Sundaes for St. Jude  
**Website:** www.tridelta.weebly.com
Delta Gamma

Nickname: DeeGee
Founded: Lewis School for Girls (1873)
Colors: Bronze, Pink, Blue
Flower: Cream Rose
Symbol: Anchor
GPA Required: 2.8
National Philanthropy: Service for Sight
Philanthropy Events: Anchorsplash, DG Delight
Website: www.deltagamma-at.weebly.com
Kappa Alpha Theta
Nickname: Theta
Founded: DePauw University (1870)
Colors: Black and Gold
Flower: Pansy
Symbol: Kite and Twin Stars
GPA Required: 2.85
National Philanthropy: Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA)
Philanthropy Events: Theta Twist, Cocoa for Theta, Karaoke for CASA
Website: www.wix.com/butlertheta/gamma
Kappa Kappa Gamma

Nickname: Kappa
Founded: Monmouth College (1870)
Colors: Light Blue and Dark Blue
Flower: Iris (Fleur de Lis)
Symbols: Golden Key, Owl, Fleur de Lis
GPA Required: 2.8
National Philanthropy: Reading is Fundamental & Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation
Philanthropy Events: Kappa Kickoff
Website: http://www.butler.kappa.org/
Pi Beta Phi

**Nickname:** Pi Phi  
**Founded:** Monmouth College (1867)  
**Colors:** Wine and Silver Blue  
**Symbols:** Arrow and Angel  
**GPA Required:** 2.75  
**National Philanthropy:** “Read, Lead, Achieve”  
**Philanthropy Events:** Pi Phi Wings of an Angel, Pi Phi Caramel Apples  
**Website:** [www.pibetaphi.org/chapter/butler](http://www.pibetaphi.org/chapter/butler)
Frequently Asked Questions

Have the chapters decided whom they want as members by the end of the fall semester? No! Through campus involvement, you may get to know the sorority members during the fall semester. This only helps you get to know more about the sororities. The purpose of Primary Recruitment is to allow the chapter members and potential members to meet and begin to have deeper conversations. Chapters do not make recruitment decisions prior to the start of Primary Recruitment.

How do the sororities decide who to invite to the next round? Membership selection is an important process for the members of a chapter and these decisions are made thoughtfully. Each national sorority has its own standards and guidelines. Additionally, each sorority chapter has an alumna advisor to assist them with the process. Overall, chapters are seeking a wide variety of individuals who bring different skills and abilities to add to the strength of the chapter. Even if you know members in a particular chapter, it is very likely that you’ll be introduced to a number of members who do not already know you.

How do I decide which invitations I should accept? As a potential member, you will have a different experience with each chapter, depending on whom you meet, your values, your personal preferences, and personality. Ultimately, a chapter can be a second home, a place where you feel welcome and accepted. While you may have met members of chapters in class or through activities during the fall semester, chances are you will have not gotten to know individuals from each organization. Primary Recruitment events allow you the opportunity to meet a variety of members from all chapters. Your experiences during Recruitment Week, together with your interests and goals, should guide you in a decision-making process.

What if I only want to be in a certain sorority? Individuals going through recruitment often experience the greatest disappointment by beginning the recruitment process only wanting to be in certain sororities. Sorority membership is more than wearing certain letters. Don’t make decisions based on stereotypes and other people’s opinions. Instead, use recruitment as a time to get to know more about each sorority and be open to all possibilities for membership. Keep an open mind and make the decision that is right for YOU!
Frequently Asked Questions

What does it mean to “maximize my opinions?” At the end of each day, you will have the opportunity to list the sororities you visited in priority order. Your priorities, matched to the invitations you receive, will determine which events you will attend the following day. You will be required to accept the maximum number of invitations received every round in order to learn more about the chapters interested in getting to know you.

What if I do not receive any invitations to a round? Each sorority will issue invitations to the potential new members that the chapter is more interested in getting to know further. Not receiving an invitation you had hoped for can be disappointing, but is a possibility with any selection process, whether recruitment, a job, or other potential opportunities. When a chapter does not issue an invitation to an individual, it is because the members concluded there was a stronger fit between the chapter and other potential new members, for whatever reason. Since membership selection is an internal process for each organization, neither Panhellenic nor the Director of Greek Life is provided with additional information from the chapters. If you should withdraw from recruitment, there may be additional opportunities later in the spring or fall semesters. Also, keep in mind that sorority members are encouraged to be involved on campus in something outside of their respective chapters. We encourage you to do the same and seek additional opportunities to be involved at Butler.

If I am a legacy, will I automatically get a bid to a chapter? While each inter/national organization has its own process regarding legacies, chapters will make decisions based on their membership priorities.

Will I automatically get into a chapter at the end of the week? Butler Panhellenic has a very low occurrence of individuals who are not matched to a chapter. We cannot guarantee, however, that you will be matched to a certain chapter. Following Preference Round, you will prioritize these chapters whose events you attended and from whom you are willing to accept an invitation to membership. If you attend two events and only prioritize one chapter, there is a possibility that you will not be matched to that chapter. This is a risk, but it is ultimately your decision. Your Recruitment Counselor will discuss this thoroughly with you during the recruitment process.
Some Final Tips

- If you would like to be part of the interest list to receive more information about Panhellenic and chapter events, please let the Panhellenic Association know so we can inform the chapters that you are interested! Email us at panhelrecruit@butler.edu!
- Attend the pre-recruitment Panhellenic Association events, including House Tours, Sorority 101, and Cocoa and Questions with Panhel. They will give you information about the Greek community, so they are especially helpful if you are unsure about Greek Life.
- Attend the all-campus philanthropy events to learn more about their national philanthropies.
- If invited, take up a lunch or dinner invitation from a sorority member at a chapter house! These are great informal events to get to know the sorority members and see them interact in their home environment.
- Ask questions! The recruitment counselors, Panhel Exec, and the Director of Greek Life are here for this reason!
- Be yourself! You want to sorority members to know who you really are, just like you really want to know them.
- Do NOT listen to the stereotypes and other people’s perceptions of sororities. The only opinions that matter are your own, do not let someone affect your decisions!
- Dress warmly! Primary recruitment takes place in January and can be VERY cold. Be prepared by wearing warm coats, gloves, and boots so you are not too cold between events.
- Think of questions for recruitment events. During recruitment, you will have a lot of one-on-one time with sorority members. While they are there to inform you about their chapters, they also want to address your questions and concerns.
- Have fun! While recruitment can be a stressful time, if you stay relaxed, you will make it a fun and unforgettable experience.
- Get connected! Check out the Butler University Panhellenic Association Twitter and Instagram @ButlerPanhel, visit www.butler.edu/greek-life or our office in Atherton Union 310.