Fraternities & Sororities at SUNY-Plattsburgh

Sororities
- Alpha Epsilon Phi
- Alpha Chi Rho
- Alpha Phi
- Nu Theta Gamma
- Delta Phi Epsilon
- Phi Mu Delta
- Omega Phi Beta
- Pi Alpha Nu
- Sigma Delta Tau
- Sigma Tau Gamma
- Zeta Beta Tau
- Theta Kappa Beta
- Pi Alpha Nu
- Phi Mu Delta
- Theta Alpha Lambda
- Alpha Phi
- Alpha Chi Rho

Fraternities
- Sigma Lambda Upsilon
- Delta Phi Epsilon
- Phi Mu Delta
- Theta Alpha Lambda
- Alpha Phi
- Alpha Chi Rho

A colony is a group that has provisional recognition from SUNY-Plattsburgh and is going through the steps to gain full recognition.

Any student who has not earned a 2.3 GPA and 12 credit hours at Plattsburgh State, including first semester freshmen, may not join a fraternity or sorority. Students and organizations violating this policy are subject to college judicial sanctions, which may include suspension from the college. However, all Plattsburgh State students are permitted and encouraged to participate in fraternity and sorority programs and recruitment activities in order to explore their options for when they become eligible.

Center for Fraternity/Sorority Life

Plattsburgh State employs a full-time professional to advise and oversee operations and education for fraternities and sororities. Allison Swick-Duttinge, Director of Fraternity/Sorority Life & Organization Development, is available and willing to assist you in exploring what fraternities and sororities have to offer. The Center also employs a Graduate Assistant, Cassie Andrews; an undergraduate Program Coordinator, J.J. Reardon; and six Undergraduate Student Assistants: Jay Biegner, Whitney Jahn, Matt Mendelson, Shannon Powers, Rebecca Sorenson and Stephanie Ruiz, who are assigned to specifically work with fraternities and sororities. The Center for Fraternity/Sorority Life is located in Angell College Center 204 and can be reached by phone at (518) 564-4825. The Director also can be reached by email, allison.swick@plattsburgh.edu, or AIM: psugreeks.

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Plattsburgh STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
Intro to Fraternity/Sorority Life

Joining a fraternity or sorority is an exciting prospect for students. The rich, dynamic history of Plattsburgh State fraternities and sororities is a unique part of the College’s tradition. The Fraternity/Sorority community’s involvement in volunteer and leadership work in the Plattsburgh community has earned public statements of recognition by civic leaders, as well as college awards. Plattsburgh State applauds the valuable contribution fraternities and sororities have made, and will continue to make to the students, the College and the city of Plattsburgh.

This brochure has been developed to assist you in making an educated decision about fraternity/sorority life. Many of our organizations have made a commitment to achieve a national model of excellence, as you will see reflected through the Comparative Statistics and the Chapter Accreditation Program. The Center for Fraternity/Sorority Life, the Interfraternity Council, and the Inter-Sorority Association encourage you to explore several organizations before choosing one to join. This brochure is a first step in helping you identify a chapter that meets your needs. The staff in the Center for Fraternity/Sorority Life stands ready to answer your questions, respond to your concerns and further help you choose a fraternity or sorority to join.

Joining a Fraternity/Sorority

In order to join, you must have completed 12 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 2.3 at Plattsburgh State. Students who do not meet this requirement (including first semester students) may attend fraternity/sorority events; however, they may not join or accept ANY form of membership in a fraternity/sorority. Students, organizations and members who fail to adhere to this policy are subject to judicial action, including suspension from the college.

Furthermore, it is against the Student Code of Conduct to join any group that has had its recognition withdrawn by the college. Failure to abide by this policy may result in dismissal.

The Four Core Principles

Fraternities/sororities are values-based organizations that were founded on the following core principles:

Friendship
One of the most frequently mentioned aspects of fraternities and sororities is the friendship that exists between members. Fraternity and sorority life promotes the development of close ties through living, studying, working, collaborating and having fun together. These lifetime relationships go beyond ordinary friendship to become like that of a family.

Scholarship
Academics are stressed by most chapters from recruitment to graduation. The resources that fraternities and sororities can provide include scholastic awards, study groups, educational resources and tutoring assistance.

Leadership
Fraternities and sororities are working examples of a democracy in action. This is often the first time that members are responsible for their own activities and living within their means, which provides an excellent opportunity to experience leadership and the responsibility of membership.

Service
Service and philanthropy are a strong part of fraternity and sorority life. During 2006-2007, Plattsburgh State fraternities and sororities raised more than $40,000 and performed more than 8,000 hours of service.

New Member Education

Upon joining, you will be oriented to the group through meetings, philanthropic work, social events and study sessions. These programs should be structured so as to not interfere with academic responsibilities. New member education should be informative, meaningful and fun, therefore physical or mental hazing is not tolerated by SUNY-Plattsburgh, the Interfraternity Council, Inter-Sorority Association, inter/national organizations or New York State.

Chapter Accreditation Program

Fraternities and sororities participate in a student-organized Chapter Accreditation Program that allows them to monitor and improve their own activity and performance. At the end of each year, chapters are given between a one (lowest) and five-star (highest) ranking based on their performance in the following areas: academic; membership education; campus, community & Fraternity/Sorority Life involvement; advising and review; and facility and financial management. Groups that achieve five-star status are honored as Chapters of Excellence: Pi Alpha Nu Fraternity, Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, and Theta Alpha Lambda Sorority.

Fraternal Honors & Awards

The following groups received special awards during the 2006-2007 academic year:

**Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority**
- Scholastic Cup (Highest GPA)
- Up ‘til Dawn Award for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

**Pi Alpha Nu Fraternity**
- Most Improved Organization
- Vice President for Student Affairs Vision Award for Fire Safety
- Outstanding College Service Award

**Sigma Lambda Upsilon Sorority**
- President’s Cup for Most Outstanding Student Organization
- Fraternal Camaraderie Award
- Most Improved Chapter GPA
- Vice President for Student Affairs Community Service Award
- President’s Volunteer Service Bronze Award
- Project HELP Special Award

**Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity**
- Most Improved New Member Class GPA Award
- Vice President for Student Affairs Community Service Award

**Theta Alpha Lambda Sorority**
- Outstanding Community Service Award
- President’s Volunteer Service Silver Award