

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL AT

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WELCOME ² SAMFORD

We are so excited you chose Samford University! Greek Life at Samford is like no other. At Samford, we offer three different membership opportunities. The three Samford NPHC organizations seek to provide a welcoming community to all women and men interested in the value of Greek membership. We are a community that is purposeful, faithful, and real.

National Pan-Hellenic, Interfraternity Council and College Panhellenic offer development through collegiate experiences and lifelong membership.

The NPHC community is open and welcome to all students seeking a collegiate fraternity/sorority experience at Samford. NPHC organizations have culturally based foundations, but are inclusive to all students. Collegiate Greek life provides development as a student and leader through participation in philanthropy and service events, brotherhood/sisterhood activities, and a wide variety of campus events.

This NPHC intake guide will share information on how to better navigate NPHC and the membership intake process. We encourage you to do your research to see which organization might be a good fit for you.

THE NEW MEMBER INTAKE PROCESS

STEP 1: Greek Speak

The purpose of Greek Speak is to give students information about the various groups, membership requirements, and benefits of joining Greek Life at Samford.. Greek Speak is also an opportunity for the Office of Greek Life to discuss important information about hazing guidelines, the challenges of joining a Greek-letter organization, and the various guidelines specific to joining an organization at Samford.

STEP 2: Research

We encourage students to research each organization in order to discern which chapter is a best fit. You can do this by comparing national websites and chapter websites. Attend Greek Speak in the Fall on September 26, 2016 at 6:00PM in Brock Forum. You can attend programs to gauge comfort zone with different chapters.

STEP 3: Interest Meetings

Attend interest meetings of the organization for which you have serious interest. In order to determine which organization you are interested in, we encourage students to research each organization in order to discern which chapter is a best fit for you. How do I learn about an interest meeting? Each chapter advertises via flyer on campus, so watch for posting on bulletin boards around campus if you plan to attend an interest meeting.

STEP 4: Membership Intake

Each organization takes individuals through a membership intake process. The process is comprised of an interest meeting or rush and a formal application process.

REQUIREMENTS & EXPECTATIONS

Samford NPHC organizations participate in intake, a process delaying membership until a Samford GPA is established. The individual requirements for participation in intake/to join are different for each chapter, but you can expect these generalities:

- +** Must have 12 - 24 Samford credit hours.
- +** Must have a minimum 2.5 -2.75 cumulative GPA.
- +** Need several recommendation letters. The chapters will provide specific information.
- +** Need to demonstrate community service and campus involvement.



8 THINGS

We Wish We Would Have Known During Membership Intake



- + Be sure to always attend NPHC or chapter events in proper attire. For interest meetings or NPHC Greek Speak, professional attire is expected.
- + You can only be initiated into one fraternity/sorority (NPHC, IFC, or Panhellenic). After you complete initiation for any fraternity or sorority, you are no longer eligible for another.
- + Service for an organization should be consistent before joining a fraternity or sorority.
- + Social media etiquette is important at any time in life, but especially seeking membership in a fraternity or sorority.
- + The members in the chapter are willing to answer any question, so don't be afraid to ask.
- + Interest in an NPHC fraternity or sorority should be kept confidential between you and the organization in which you are seeking interest.
- + If interested in another NPHC organization that is not active on campus, contact the Office of Greek Life for information on the chapter expansion process.
- + Each NPHC organization varies on fees. However, most of the financial commitment is at the forefront of a member's collegiate experience. A range of dues and fees are as low as \$1,000 and as high as \$3,000. Chapter dues per semester are up to the discretion of each chapter.



ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

Tau Iota Chapter

Nickname: A-Phi-A, Alphas

National Website: www.apa1906.net

Founded: December 4, 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York

Samford Founded: April 12, 2000

Flower: Yellow Rose

Symbol: Great Sphinx of Giza

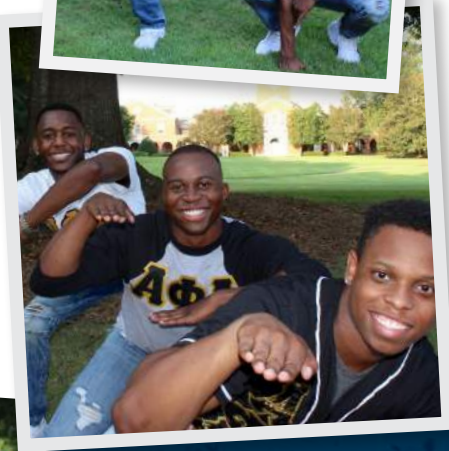
Colors: Old Gold and Black

Motto: First of All, Servants of All,
We Shall Transcend All

Philanthropy: March of Dimes

Twitter: @SamfordAlphas06

Instagram: ti_alphas



As President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. I have learned to lead by example, setting and upholding the high standards and ideals that my beloved fraternity was founded upon. It is a privilege to be able to watch brothers grow personally and professionally and demonstrate daily our aims of Manly Deeds, Scholarship, and Love for All Mankind.

- Jalen Spraggins

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ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

Omicron Mu Chapter

Nickname: AKA

National Website:

www.aka1908.com

Founded: January 15, 1908 at
Howard University in Washington,
D.C.

Samford Founded: May 14, 1988

Flower: Pink Tea Rose

Symbol: Ivy Leaf

Colors: Salmon Pink and Apple
Green

Motto: By Culture and By Merit

Philanthropy: Sickle Cell
Foundation, Inc.

Twitter: @SamfordAKAs

Instagram: @SamfordAKAs



"As president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, I've developed a deeper appreciation for my sorority, its history, and everything its members have done, locally and internationally. I'm excited to see what this year has in store for the Omicron Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha."

- Alexis Crutchfield



DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Sigma Eta Chapter

Nickname: Deltas, DST

National Website:

www.deltasigmatheta.org

Founded: January 13, 1913 at
Howard University in Washington,
D.C.

Samford Founded: March 18,
1995

Flower: African Violet

Symbol: Fortitude

Colors: Crimson and Cream

Motto: Intelligence is the Torch of
Wisdom

Philanthropy: Five Point
Programmatic Thrust: Educational
Development, Economic
Development, International
Awareness and Involvement,
Physical and Mental Health,
Political Awareness and
Involvement.

Twitter: @SamfordDeltas

Instagram: @SamfordDeltas



"As President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. I have learned the organization is bigger than me. I must lead by example and carry myself respectfully because I represent not only my chapter, but my organization as a whole."

- Dani Smith

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