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National Pan-Hellenic Council

NPHC

at Samford

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Welcome

We are so excited you chose Samford University! Samford Greek Life is a purposeful, faithful and real community. Greek membership at Samford means you will take a lifelong oath to care about one another and the world around you. Choosing to join a fraternity or sorority will create memories that will last a lifetime.

Learn more about Samford Greek Life at:

www.samford.edu/greeklife/

About NPHC

Samford University is home to 14 active fraternities and sororities, two honor societies, and three governing councils: College Panhellenic (CPH), Interfraternity Council (IFC), and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC).

Commonly known as the Divine Nine, the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) serves as the governing body for the member organizations. NPHC organizations have culturally based foundations, but are inclusive to all students seeking a collegiate fraternity/sorority experience at Samford.

The membership process of joining an NPHC organization is discreet until revealing affiliation during the new member presentation. 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.

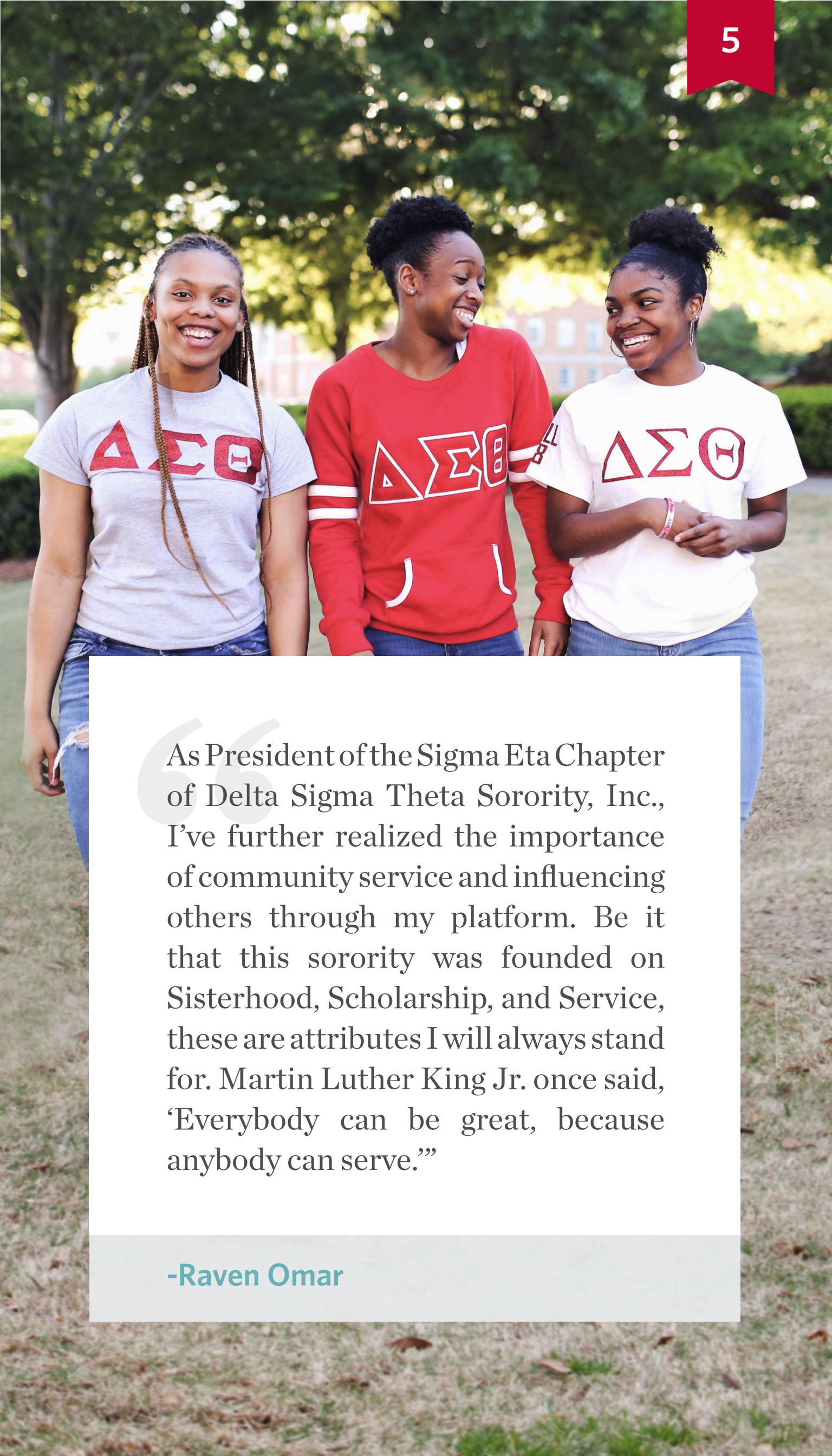
New Member Intake Process

STEP 1: Attend Greek Speak. Greek Speak is an event that takes place each fall to give students information about Greek Life at Samford, its various groups, and membership requirements.

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 and chapter websites.

STEP 3: Attend Interest Meetings. Attend interest meetings of the organization for which you have serious interest. Each chapter advertises their interest meetings, so watch for postings on social media and via email.

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.

Three young Black women are walking outdoors on a grassy path, smiling and looking towards the camera. They are wearing Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. apparel. The woman on the left is wearing a grey t-shirt with the Greek letters ΔΣΘ in red. The woman in the middle is wearing a red sweatshirt with the Greek letters ΔΣΘ in white. The woman on the right is wearing a white t-shirt with the Greek letters ΔΣΘ in red. They are all wearing blue jeans. The background shows trees and a building in the distance.

“As President of the Sigma Eta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., I’ve further realized the importance of community service and influencing others through my platform. Be it that this sorority was founded on Sisterhood, Scholarship, and Service, these are attributes I will always stand for. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, ‘Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve.’”

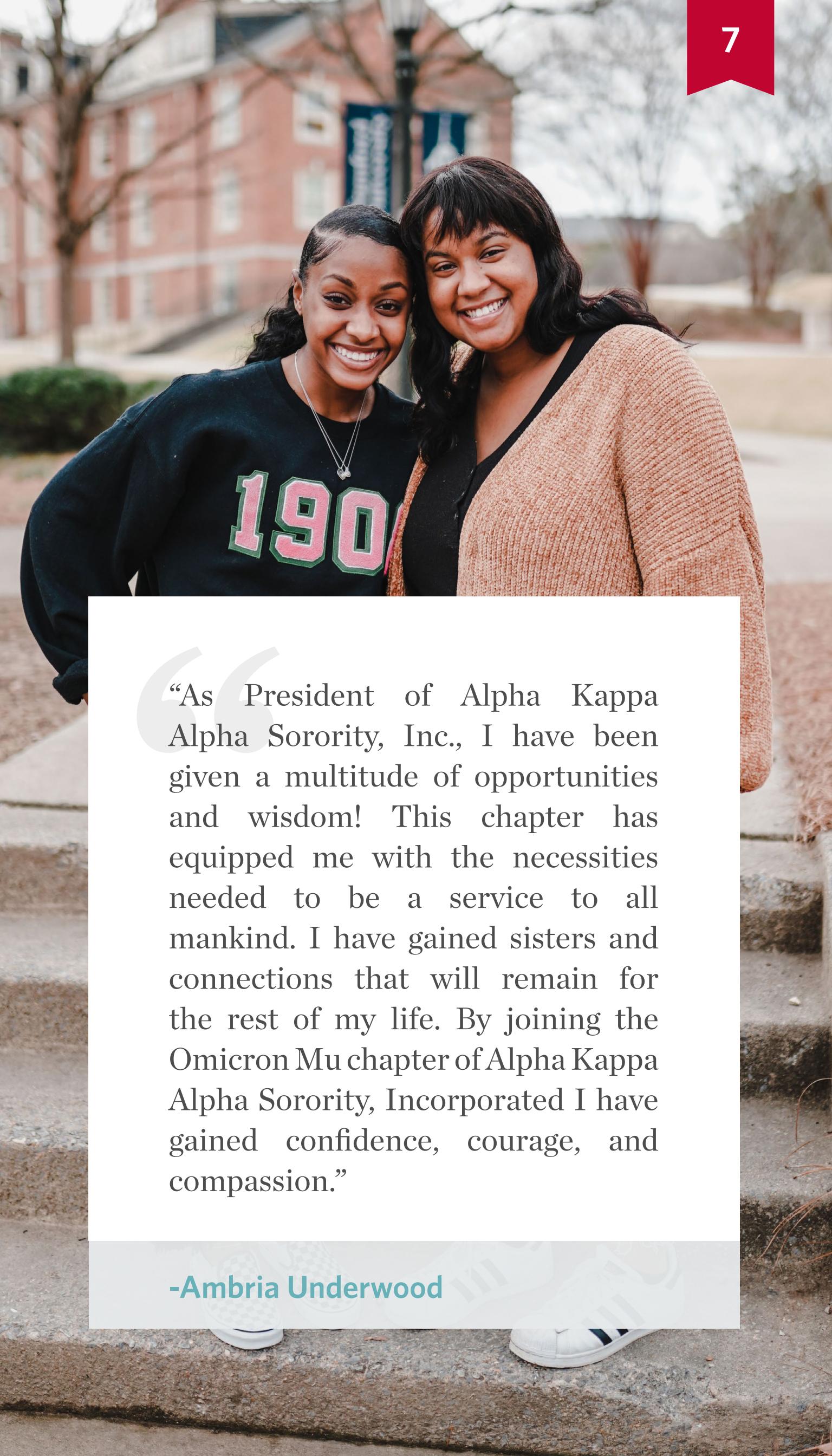
-Raven Omar

Requirements & Expectations

Samford NPHC organizations participate in intake, a process delaying membership until a Samford GPA is established. Students are encouraged to research which organization best fits them and then attend an interest meeting to learn more. Students submit applications, complete interviews, and then receive an invitation for candidacy.

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.



“As President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., I have been given a multitude of opportunities and wisdom! This chapter has equipped me with the necessities needed to be a service to all mankind. I have gained sisters and connections that will remain for the rest of my life. By joining the Omicron Mu chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated I have gained confidence, courage, and compassion.”

-Ambria Underwood

What To Know

- Attend NPHC or chapter events in proper attire. For interest meetings or NPHC Greek Speak, professional attire is expected.
- After you complete initiation for any fraternity or sorority, you may not be eligible for another. Be sure to check with each chapter for their specific policies.
- Social media etiquette is important when 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. 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. There is also a semesterly Samford Greek fee of \$75.00.

Greek Alphabet

A alpha

B beta

Γ gamma

Δ delta

E epsilon

Z zeta

H eta

Θ theta

I iota

K kappa

Λ lambda

M mu

N nu

Ξ xi

O omicron

Π pi

P rho

Σ sigma

T tau

Υ upsilon

Φ phi

X chi

Ψ psi

Ω omega

OUR CHAPTERS

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Omicron Mu Chapter

Nickname: AKA

National Website: www.akal908.com

Founded: January 15, 1908, at Howard University

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](https://twitter.com/SamfordAKAs)

Instagram: [@SamfordAKAs](https://www.instagram.com/SamfordAKAs)

OUR CHAPTERS

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Tau Iota Chapter (Returning 2020)

Nickname: A-Phi-A, Alphas

National Website: www.apa1906.net

Founded: December 4, 1906, at Cornell University

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](https://twitter.com/SamfordAlphas06)

Instagram: [@ti_alphas](https://www.instagram.com/ti_alphas)

OUR CHAPTERS

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Sigma Eta Chapter

Nickname: Deltas, DST

National Website: www.deltasigmatheta.org

Founded: January 13, 1913, at Howard 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](https://twitter.com/SamfordDeltas)

Instagram: [@SamfordDeltas](https://www.instagram.com/SamfordDeltas)

OUR CHAPTERS

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Omicron Alpha Chapter (Returning 2020)

Nickname: Kappas or Nupes

National Website: www.kappaalphapsi1911.com

Founded: January 5, 1911, at Indiana University

Samford Founded:

Flower: Red Carnation

Symbol: Diamond

Colors: Crimson and Cream

Motto: Achievement in Every Field of

Human Endeavor

Philanthropy: Habitat 4 Humanity,
Guide Right, Kappa Leadership League



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