

# INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL SAMFORD

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# WELCOME<sup>2</sup>SAMFORD

We are so excited you chose Samford University! Greek Life at Samford is like no other. At Samford, the Interfraternity Council offers five different membership opportunities. The Samford IFC fraternities seek to provide a welcoming community to all men interested in the value of Greek membership. We are a community that is purposeful, faithful, and real.

The Interfraternity Council offers development through collegiate experiences and lifelong membership. IFC is open and welcome to all students seeking a collegiate fraternity experience at Samford. Collegiate Greek life provides development as a student and leader through participation in philanthropy and service events, brotherhood activities, and a wide variety of campus events.

This IFC membership guide will share information on how to better navigate the IFC formal recruitment process, what the new member education process looks like, and details about joining a Samford fraternity.

**Sincerely,**

**Samford University Interfraternity Council Executive Board**

# FRATERNITY LIFE

## AT SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

**The fraternity/sorority community at Samford University is made up of 15 registered sororities and fraternities organized within three governing councils. In the fall of 2016, 50% of Samford undergraduates were active within the Samford Greek community. Joining an IFC fraternity will allow you to be a part of a larger community strongly connected to Samford and the Birmingham community.**

### IFC CHAPTERS

- + Alpha Tau Omega
- + Lambda Chi Alpha
- + Pi Kappa Phi
- + Sigma Chi
- + Sigma Nu

### FALL 2016 CHAPTER GPAS

- + Highest Fraternity GPA: 3.31
- + Greek Men: 3.14
- + All IFC New Members: 3.03
- + All University Men: 3.05

## NORTH-AMERICAN INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE

Samford IFC operates under the guidance of NIC. Founded in 1909, the North-American Interfraternity Conference, Inc. is the trade association representing 69 International and National Men's Fraternities. The NIC serves to advocate the needs of its member fraternities through enrichment of the fraternity experience; advancement and growth of the fraternity community; and enhancement of the educational mission of the host institutions. NIC provides advocacy for over 6,000 chapters on 800 campuses.





# WHAT TO EXPECT

## As A New Member

As a new member of an IFC fraternity your first year will be geared toward getting acclimated with your fraternity and Samford. After Bid Day, you are required to attend regular new member meetings until your initiation. Each chapter has a different program specifically designed for the new members. The meetings will educate you about the history, tradition, and rituals of your chapter. Expect at least two hours of time dedicated to your new member process each week. Some chapters require more than two hours depending on national new member structure and education timeline. The meetings will be led by a new member educator, a man in the chapter whose responsibility it is to guide you through your new member education and initiation.

Your chapter may host a new member retreat, which will give you an opportunity to bond with your new member class. In addition, some chapters will invite you over for meals throughout the week to get to know current members of the chapter. Often, the chapter will invite you to immediately to attend regular events such as social functions, study hall, philanthropy events, IFC-sponsored events, and community engagement opportunities.

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**Chapter fees fund various activities and events of the organization such as academic programs, socials, service events, national dues, and lifetime membership. The ranges provided include dues to the local chapter and to the national fraternity headquarters.**

## REQUIRED FEES

- + **New Member Fall Semester: \$450.00 - \$1200.00**
- + **Active Brother Semester: \$350.00-\$600.00**
- + **Semesterly Fee to Samford Greek Life: \$75.00**

## ADDITIONAL FEES

- + **T-shirts**
- + **Social Events**
- + **Gifts, Merchandise**

Please note when you become a new member of a fraternity, you are affiliating with the national organization. If at any time you decide to relinquish your membership, you may be still held responsible for fees or payments required to fulfill your contract with the organization.



# RECRUITMENT+

## OVERVIEW

### HOW TO REGISTER

Register for recruitment at [www.samford.edu/greeklife/recruitment](http://www.samford.edu/greeklife/recruitment) and your resume, photo, and unofficial transcript. The final step will be to pay your registration fee. September 13 at 11:59PM is the deadline to register.

### SUMMER AND PRE RECRUITMENT EVENTS

Fraternities over the summer host a variety of recruitment events in different cities across the country such as baseball games, kayaking, and grill outs. Within the first few weeks of campus, the fraternities also host pre-recruitment events. You might be invited to attend a poker night, football tailgates, or invited to have dinner with brothers on or off campus.

### RECRUITMENT AT A GLANCE

**May 1: Registration Opens**

**August 1: Registration increases from \$30 to \$40**

**September 13. Registration Deadline**

**September 18: Opening Night**

**September 19: Alumni Night**

**September 20: Brothers Night In**

**September 21: Brothers Night Out**

**September 22: Bid Day on The Quad**

### LETTERS

Letters of recommendation can be mailed to:

**Office of Greek Life  
Attn: (Chapter Name)  
800 Lakeshore Drive  
Birmingham, AL 35229**



# ALPHA TAU OMEGA

## Kappa Rho Chapter

### ABOUT

**Chapter GPA:** 3.31

**Founded:** September 11, 1865 at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, VA

**Samford Founded:** 2014

**New member program length:** 6-8 weeks


**Philanthropy:** Greater Birmingham Humane Society and Magic City Woodworks.

**President:**

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**Recruitment Chair:**

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### 5 POINTS OF PRIDE

- + Highest fraternity GPA on campus
- + Brothers are involved in university ministries, SGA, Residence Life, and other academic honor societies.
- + The peak of our service is our fall philanthropy - Tausgiving - where brothers dress up as turkeys and run between barriers, while patrons shoot at them with paintball guns. This past fall alone, the event raised over \$9,000.
- + Recently awarded Outstanding Values at the 2016 Greek Awards
- + In ATO, we believe in the value of cultural, racial, political, and religious diversity. Proud to co-host Face to Face with Race with ADPi, a sponsored discussion of the racial barriers at Samford and how to break them down.



# LAMDA CHI ALPHA

## Theta Alpha Zeta Chapter

### ABOUT

**Chapter GPA:** 2.80

**Founded:** November 2, 1909 at Boston University in Boston, MA

**Samford Founded:** 1919

**Philanthropy:**  
Feeding America

**Recruitment Chair:**  
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 [lambdachi.org](http://lambdachi.org)

### 5 POINTS OF PRIDE

- + Core Values of Lambda Chi Alpha are loyalty, duty, respect, service, honor, integrity, and personal courage.
- + Samford origin dating back to 1919 which is rich in history and tradition from its original founding as Phi Kappa Nu.
- + Hosts annual Lambda Chi Volleyball Classic philanthropy volleyball tournament.
- + Prominent national alumni include Harry S. Truman, Kenny Chesney, and Rick Patino.
- + Currently have an Endowed Scholarship Fund to assist undergraduate brothers and children of alumni brothers with tuition costs.





# PI KAPPA PHI

## Alpha Eta Chapter

### ABOUT

**Chapter GPA:** 3.19

**Founded:** December 10, 1904 at the College of Charleston in Charleston, SC

**Samford Founded:** 1925

**Philanthropy:**  
Ability Experience

**President:**  
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**Recruitment Chair:**  
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### 5 POINTS OF PRIDE

- + Brothers are involved in SGA, Connections, Ambassadors, and Orientation.
- + Hosts annual Alumni golf tournament to reunite brothers of all generations.
- + Brothers have participated in Journey of Hope which is a cross-country bike trek raising awareness and money for our national philanthropy, the Ability Experience.
- + Favorite chapter scripture is As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another-Proverbs 27:17
- + Step Sing Sweepstakes 2017 winner



# SIGMA CHI **Pi Chapter**

## ABOUT

**Chapter GPA:** 3.20


**Founded:** June 28, 1855  
at Miami University in  
Oxford, OH


**Samford Founded:**  
1872, 1994

**Philanthropy:**  
Children's Miracle  
Network Hospitals

**President:**  
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**Recruitment Chair:**  
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## 5 POINTS OF PRIDE

- + Most awarded chapter from the 2016 Samford Greek Awards
- + Prominent alumni include John Wayne, Brad Pitt, Tom Selleck, Mike Ditka, and Drew Brees.
- + Brothers are involved in football, track, baseball, cross-country, and basketball teams. Also brothers serve in SGA, Student Recruitment Team, Orientation, Connections, and Ambassadors.
- + Week long philanthropy event called Derby Days to raise money for The Huntsman Cancer Institute
- + Placed in the top three in Step Sing for two of the last three years, including winning Sweepstakes in 2015.



# SIGMA NU

## Iota Chapter

### ABOUT


**Chapter GPA:** 2.88


**Founded:** January 1, 1869 at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, VA


**Samford Founded:** 1879

**Philanthropy:**

Habitat For Humanity

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 [sigmanu.org](http://sigmanu.org)

### 5 POINTS OF PRIDE

- + Oldest continuous chapter of Sigma Nu nationally and at Samford.
- + Supportive brotherhood of members on varsity football, basketball, and baseball.
- + All brothers are able to live in the chapter house.
- + The values of Sigma Nu are love, honor, and truth
- + Prominent national alumni include Paul "Bear" Bryant, Eli and Archie Manning, Harrison Ford, Paul Rudd, and Bob Barker.

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