Congratulations on your choice to participate in sorority recruitment. Recruitment begins with Registration and meeting the Recruitment Counselors (RCs) who will guide you through the week and address any questions or concerns you may have. For those events held at chapter houses we will provide transportation. You will meet many people and learn valuable information about each sorority. For the first three days, casual attire is appropriate (no sweat pants, torn/discolored jeans or sneakers). For the fourth day (Sunday), dressier attire is recommended. Recruitment is a period during which you and the sorority members have an opportunity to get to know each other.

Greek affiliation provides the opportunity for leadership, community service, and social interaction. While all sororities strive for high ideals and the bonds of sisterhood, each possesses unique qualities. Recruitment is a time to find the sorority with which you can best identify and in which you feel most comfortable. It is important to ask questions and keep an open mind throughout Recruitment. Do what is best for you rather than for others and most importantly, enjoy yourself. The Recruitment Counselors are available to speak with you and address your questions and concerns throughout the week. Feel free to contact them.

What is a Recruitment Counselor? Recruitment Counselors (RCs) are sorority women who disaffiliate themselves from their respective chapters in order to serve the entire sorority system during Recruitment. The RCs are specially selected, trained and assigned to work with you. They will be available to answer any questions you may have concerning Recruitment, Greek life or campus life at SUNY Cortland. Because of their personal experiences and knowledge of the Greek system, they are a valuable asset to you. They have experienced Recruitment both as a PNM and sorority member. Take advantage of their insight and knowledge.

Should you feel that a Recruitment Counselor is unable to appropriately address your questions/concerns, please contact Sandra (Sandy) Wohlleber, Associate Director of Campus Activities and Greek Affairs. Her office is located in Corey Union, Room 412, and she can answer your question(s). She can be reached at 607-753-5769 or via e-mail at sandra.wohlleber@cortland.edu.

The Panhellenic Creed

We, the Undergraduate Members of women's fraternities, stand for good scholarship, for guarding of good health, for maintenance of fine standards, and for serving to the best of our ability, our college and community. Cooperation for furthering fraternity life, in harmony with its best possibilities, is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities. We, as Fraternity Women, stand for service through the development of character, inspired by the close contact and deep friendship of individual fraternity and Panhellenic life. The opportunity for wide and wise human service, through mutual respect and helpfulness, is the tenet by which we strive to live.

The Sororities

Alpha Phi (AΦ)

VP of Recruitment: Kylie Marflak
Motto: "Union hand in hand"
Colors: Silver and Bordeaux
Philanthropy: Alpha Phi Foundation/Cardiac Care
Minimum cumulative GPA to join is 2.50

Cortland's Eta Tau chapter of Alpha Phi was chartered on April 30, 1989, and rents its chapter house located at 59 Tompkins Street. Annual fundraising events include their Teeter-Totter-a-Thon and Red Dress Gala.

Delta Phi Epsilon (ΔΦE)

VP of Recruitment: Nikki Talarico
Motto: "To be rather than to seem to be"
Colors: Royal Purple and Pure Gold
Philanthropy: Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and the DPhiE Educational Foundation
Minimum cumulative GPA to join is 2.50

Cortland's Epsilon Kappa chapter of Delta Phi Epsilon was chartered on April 5, 1987. Delta Phi Epsilon rents its chapter house located at 64 Tompkins Street. Annual fundraising events include the "65 Roses" Banquet.

Alpha Sigma Alpha (ΑΣΑ)

VP of Recruitment: Robin Ganz
Motto: "Aspire, Seek, Attain"
Colors: Crimson and Pearl White
Philanthropy: Special Olympics, S. June Smith Center for Mentally Delayed Children, Girls On The Run, and the ASA Foundation
Minimum cumulative GPA to join is 2.40

Cortland's Gamma Clio chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha was re-chartered on March 21, 2009. The chapter does not yet have an official chapter house. Fundraising events vary each year.

Sigma Delta Tau (ΣΔT)

VP of Recruitment: Nicole Arbore
Motto: "One hope of many people"
Colors: Café Au Lait and Old Blue
Philanthropy: Prevent Child Abuse America
Minimum cumulative GPA to join is 2.50

Cortland's Gamma Theta chapter of Sigma Delta Tau Sorority was chartered on March 24, 1988 and rents its chapter house at 55 Tompkins Street. Annual fundraising events include their kickball tournament and pinwheel sales.

All sorority members volunteer their time and energy to work with a variety of local organizations and College programs. These partnerships may change each year and serve to benefit all involved. Representative examples include: Halloween events for community children, "Bridges for Kids" mentors through the YWCA, event staffing and participation in College programs such as "Take Back the Night", Body Awareness Week and assorted Residence Life programs. Sisters also volunteer at local community events such as Pumpkinfest, neighborhood clean-ups and Chill-A-Bration.

Greek Terminology

Active: A fully initiated member of a fraternity or sorority.
Associate/New Member: A student who has accepted an offer of membership from a sorority/fraternity.
Bid: An invitation to join a sorority or fraternity.
Chapter: A membership unit of a national, international or local sorority or fraternity.
Continuous Open Bidding (COB): Informal membership recruitment process when bids may be extended and accepted at a time other than during formal recruitment.
Fraternity: A Greek letter sisterhood or brotherhood.
Initiation: Ritualistic ceremony to mark the end of the new member education process.
Legacy: A PNM of a sorority (fraternity) who is the daughter, sister, granddaughter (son, brother, grandson) of a member of a sorority (fraternity).
Potential New Member (PNM): Any woman/man interested in becoming a sorority/fraternity member who is matriculated at SUNY Cortland and meets all eligibility requirements.
Sorority: A Greek letter sisterhood.

Potential New Member (PNM) Guidelines

1. All PNMs must be matriculated full time undergraduate students at SUNY Cortland. Alpha Sigma Alpha accepts graduate students.
2. First semester first year students are **not** eligible to participate.
3. All PNMs must be verified as academically eligible (minimum 2.40 GPA and 12 credit hours for returning students; minimum 2.5 GPA and 24 post-high school credit hours for new transfer students).
4. Incoming transfer students must provide a copy of their transcript to the Campus Activities Office (Corey Union, Room 406) before a bid can be extended. Unofficial copies are acceptable.
5. A PNM shall not be, or ever have been, an initiated member of any NPC group.
6. A woman is ineligible for Recruitment if she has signed a bid with a NPC member organization within one year. The only exception to this rule is if the PNM decides to join the organization from which she originally signed/accepted a bid and had withdrawn/dropped from that program the previous semester.
7. A PNM should consult with a Recruitment Counselor (RC) or the Greek Advisor if considering withdrawing from Recruitment.
8. PNMs are strongly encouraged to go to each chapter's events at least once so as to give all groups a fair chance.
9. During formal Recruitment (Feb. 8-17), no PNM may visit a sorority except to attend an official Recruitment event.
10. The sororities have all agreed not to hold any mixers from Feb. 8-17.
11. During formal recruitment, no sorority member may buy and/or give anything to a PNM and vice versa.
12. There will be no implied or direct promising of bids to PNMs by any sorority member.
13. Strict Silence is the period in which there will be no conversation or contact (written or verbal) between sorority members and PNMs. This includes, but is not limited to, telephone calls, e-mails, text messages, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Strict silence extends from the end of the PNM's last function on Sunday, Feb. 14, until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016. Students can talk about classes and other non-Greek topics.
14. Alcohol, men and non-members of the sorority are not allowed at recruitment events unless they are a PNM of that sorority.
15. PNMs may not take anything away with them when they leave a recruitment party (except for the name tag provided by the RCs).
16. PNMs are strongly encouraged to ask questions about financial cost and chapter house residency requirements when speaking with active sisters.

Recruitment Event Schedule

Monday, February 8
7 p.m. Information Session, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge

Tuesday, February 9
12-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. Registration Table, Corey Union, First Floor

Wednesday, February 10
12-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. Registration Table, Corey Union, First Floor
9 p.m. Mandatory PNM Meeting, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge

Thursday, February 11
6 p.m. Sorority Game Night, Corey Union Function Room

Friday, February 12 Chapter events, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge
5:30-6 p.m. Alpha Phi — 6:10-6:40 pm Alpha Sigma Alpha
6:50-7:20 p.m. Delta Phi Epsilon — 7:30-8 pm Sigma Delta Tau

Saturday, February 13 Individual chapter events (45 minute duration)
1:05 p.m. Bus leaves Corey Union for event at Sigma Delta Tau
2:10 p.m. Bus leaves Corey Union for Alpha Sigma Alpha event in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge
3:15 p.m. Bus leaves Corey Union for event at Alpha Phi
4:20 p.m. Bus leaves Corey Union for event at Delta Phi Epsilon

Sunday, February 14 Individual chapter events (60 minute duration)
12:50 p.m. Bus leaves Neubig for Delta Phi Epsilon event
2:10 p.m. Bus leaves Corey Union for Alpha Sigma Alpha event in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge
4:00 p.m. Bus leaves Corey Union for event at Sigma Delta Tau
5:20 p.m. Bus leaves Neubig for event at Alpha Phi

Tuesday, February 16
3-7 p.m. Bid Distribution Day, Corey Union, Room 301-303

Wednesday, February 17
7:30 p.m. Bid Ceremony, Corey Union Function Room
Associate/New members must arrive no later than 7:15 pm

Wednesday, March 2
7:30 p.m. Hazing Education Speaker, Corey Union Function Room
Mandatory event for all Greeks.

The Cost of Sorority Membership

All sororities at SUNY Cortland have mandatory dues and other fees that allow each chapter to function at its highest potential. The following is a range of the costs of sorority membership.

New member fee (one time only).....$45 – $95
Initiation & badge fee (one time only).....$165 – $230
Chapter dues (per semester).....$65 – $340
Approximate total cost of membership.....$250 – $675

Note: Some sororities may have additional miscellaneous fees. Please speak with sorority representatives about any questions you have regarding payment of dues and completing financial obligations. You should also speak with your parents/guardian before making this financial commitment.

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