Joining a fraternity/sorority is just one choice that SUNY Cortland provides to its undergraduate students. We invite everyone to learn more about Greek life on our campus by reviewing this information as well as that found on the College’s Fraternities and Sororities website.

College Recognition
( bisc3rd through the Campus Activities and Corey Union Office)

- Validates the fraternity/sorority and gives it permission to operate at SUNY Cortland with the following benefits:
  - Recruit new members with the cooperation and support of the College
  - Use College facilities to hold events and/or meetings
  - Campus-wide promotion of all chapter activities
  - Ability to serve on Greek system governing boards to gain leadership experience and be part of an event and/or policy planning process
  - Become involved in a wide array of community service possibilities
  - Increased publicity for all chapter accomplishments
  - Advocating on behalf of individuals and organizations by Greek Advisor as appropriate
- Recognition is limited to organizations with official ties to a National Fraternity or Sorority

Recognized Greek Organizations

Social Sororities: Alpha Phi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Delta Phi Epsilon and Sigma Delta Tau
Social Fraternities: Delta Chi, Kappa Sigma and Theta Chi
NALFO: Lambda Upsilon Lambda, Omega Phi Beta, Phi Iota Alpha, Sigma Lambda Upsilon and Lambda Sigma Upsilon
NPHC: Kappa Alpha Psi
Service: Alpha Phi Omega

Unrecognized Greek Organizations

- Are groups of students illegally using Greek letters calling themselves members of a National group when they are not and thus misleading students to “join” under false pretenses and with no College oversight. There are no benefits to “joining” any of these groups as they are not fraternities.
- These groups were once recognized chapters of a Greek organization on campus but have had their charter (permission to operate) pulled due to repeated violations of National policy
- Unrecognized organizations at Cortland are the groups calling themselves Omega Delta Phi (Omega or O D Phi), Pi Kappa Phi (Pi Kapp) and Tau Kappa Epsilon (Teke or TKE)
- The College suspended Nu Sigma Chi Sorority through December 2015 at which point undergraduate sisters can apply for re-instatement. For now, Nu Sigma Chi is unrecognized.

Banned Greek Organizations

- Two local fraternities have been permanently banned by the College for repeated actions that endangered the physical and psychological well-being of our students. These banned groups are Beta Phi Epsilon (Beta) and Delta Kappa Beta (Kappa).

The College’s Code of Student Conduct states: Students found to pledge, be a member of, or live in any residence of a permanently banned group will likely face a lengthy suspension or permanent dismissal from the College.

All Greek Governing Councils (Interfraternity, Multicultural and Panhellenic) have adopted the following policy: We, the member organizations of the SUNY Cortland (insert Council name) do hereby agree not to co-sponsor events and/or associate with any unrecognized or banned student organization.

Membership Eligibility Requirements When First Joining

- Students must be matriculated at SUNY Cortland
- First semester first year students cannot join any fraternity or sorority
- Returning students must have at least 1.0 cumulative GPA and have earned credit for completing at least 12 credit hours at SUNY Cortland [College will honor higher organizational GPA requirements]
- Incoming transfer students must have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA and have completed at least 24 post high school credit hours; Proof of this must be submitted to the Campus Activities Office
  - Unofficial copies of transcripts are acceptable as long as they show student name, school name, cumulative GPA and number of credit hours completed
- If looking to be a founding brother/sister for a new organization, each person must also be vetted through the Student Conduct Office
- Eligibility verifications are conducted by the College’s Greek Advisor and/or the Campus Activities Office

Membership Eligibility Requirements After Initiation

- Students must be matriculated at SUNY Cortland
- Some chapters may make exceptions for members who are student teaching or interning locally
- Must meet academic eligibility requirements of chapter to which you belong (for most this is 2.50)

Membership Expectations

- Payment of chapter dues in a timely fashion each semester
- Attendance at chapter meetings and participation in chapter events
- Being a positive role model for others to follow

Community Service

- Greeks completed 5,704 community service hours in 2014-2015
- Assistance was provided to the YMCA, YWCA, Lime Hollow Nature Center, J.M. McDonald Sports Complex, Cortland Library, etc.

Philanthropy

- Greek Life raised approximately $39,415 in 2014-2015
- Funds raised benefited the philanthropies officially endorsed by each organization as well as the YWCA Bridges for Kids program, Cortland Youth Bureau and the NYC PBA Widows and Children’s Fund.

Academic Success

- All organizations value scholarship and recognize that members are here first and foremost to be students
- All chapters have scholarships available on either the local or national level
- While grades can fluctuate, it is not true that joining a Greek organization means your grades will falter, often times exactly the opposite is true
- At the end of 2014-2015, 34 of 575 Greek members had GPAs in the Summa Cum Laude range, 81 were in the Magna Cum Laude range, and 153 fell in the Cum Laude range

Reasons Students Join a Greek Organization

- Belief in the values of the organization
- Opportunity to be involved in community service
- Leadership, social and networking opportunities
- Place to belong and be accepted for who you are

Expansion

- Panhellenic expansion is currently closed on this campus.
- Any student or group of students interested in bringing a new National organization to campus must discuss this option with the College’s Associate Director of Campus Activities and Greek Affairs. Please note, this process takes time and work and there are no guarantees that the expansion will be approved

SUNY Cortland’s Recognized Chapters

Alpha Phi
Chartered April 30, 1989
Minimum GPA to join is 2.50
Motto: Union Hand in Hand
Philanthropy: Alpha Phi Foundation/Cardiac Care
Rents chapter house at 59 Tompkins Street
This sorority focuses on sisterhood, service, scholarship, leadership, loyalty and character development.

Alpha Sigma Alpha
(Alpha Sig or ASA)
Re-colonized November 8, 2008; Re-chartered March 21, 2009
Minimum GPA to join is 2.40
Motto: Aspire, Seek, Attain
Primary Philanthropies: Special Olympics, S. June Smith Center, Girls On The Run, and the ASA Foundation
This sorority emphasizes balance among its four aims of intellectual, physical, social and spiritual development.

Delta Phi Epsilon
(DFH)
Chartered March 1986; Chartered April 5, 1987
Minimum GPA to join is 2.50
Motto: To Be Rather Than To Seem to Be
Primary Philanthropies: National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and the Delta Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation
Rents chapter house at 64 Tompkins Street
This sorority develops a social consciousness in women and a commitment to think and act for the greater good.
Delta Chi
Colonized April 1, 2005; Chartered April 21, 2007
Minimum GPA to join is 2.50
Motto: Personal Growth Through Brotherhood
Primary Philanthropy: Jimmy V. Foundation
Rents chapter house at 55 Tompkins Street
This fraternity develops character, advances justice and assists in the acquisition of a sound education.

Kappa Sigma (Kappa Sig)
Colonized January 25, 2008; Chartered May 1, 2010
Minimum GPA to join is 2.50
Motto: The ideals we pursue determine who we are and what we will become.
Primary Philanthropy: Military Heroes Campaign
Rents chapter house at 39 Tompkins Street
The fraternity is values-based and focuses on fellowship, leadership, scholarship and service.

Theta Chi
Colonized September 7, 2013; Chartered May 2, 2015
Minimum GPA to join is 2.50
Motto: An Assisting Hand
Primary Philanthropy: Wounded Warrior Project
This fraternity is founded on the principle of friendship through the mutual assistance of every member.

La Unidad Latina Lambda Upsilon Lambda
[Lambda or LUL]
Colonized October 10, 2007; Chartered July 21, 2013
Minimum GPA to join is 3.0 for second semester first year students and 2.8 for all others
Motto: La Unidad Para Siempre
Primary Philanthropy: None rates above any other
Brothers believe in a diverse membership, a commitment to academic excellence and a proactive vision towards raising awareness about Latino culture and history. There are currently no active brothers on campus.

Omega Phi Beta (OPB)
Colonized April 6, 2009; Chartered September 24, 2011
Minimum GPA to join is 2.70
Motto: Serviendo y Educando a Través de Nuestra Diversidad
Primary Issues of Concern: Poverty and Domestic Violence
Sisters are dedicated not only to their own personal development and accomplishments but also to the success and betterment of all women in today’s world.

Phi Iota Alpha (Phiota or PhiA)
Colonized Fall 2010
Minimum GPA to join is 2.70 for second semester first year students and 2.50 for all others
Motto: Semper Parati Semper Juxti
Primary Philanthropy: UNICEF
Brothers are dedicated to the appreciation, promotion and preservation of Latin American culture.

Sigma Lambda Upsilon/SeSoritas Latinas Unidas (SLU)
Colonized April 21, 1991; Re-activated January 1, 2012
Minimum GPA to join is 2.50
Motto: Hasta La Muerte
Primary Issue of Concern: Poverty
Sisters promote sisterhood, leadership, community service, cultural enrichment and academic excellence.

Kappa Alpha Psi
Colonized Spring 2014
Minimum GPA to join is 2.50
Motto: Achievement in Every Field of Human Endeavor
Primary Philanthropy: Mississippi’s Piney Wood School
Brothers are to move steadily toward a tomorrow of promise, productivity and influence. There are currently no active brothers on campus.

Lambda Sigma Upsilon (LSU)
Colonized Fall 2014; Chartered November 3, 2014
Minimum GPA to join is 2.50
Motto: Latinos Siempre Unidos
Primary Philanthropy: HIV and AIDS Research
Brothers uphold a strong commitment to individuality and creativity. Academic success is their number one goal.

Alpha Phi Omega (APO)
Chartered December 2006
Minimum GPA to join is 2.30
Motto: Be a Friend, Be a Leader, Be of Service
Primary Philanthropy: None rates above any other
This co-educational service fraternity develops leadership, promotes friendship and provides service to humanity.

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