

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 SUNY Cortland's Fraternities and Sororities website. As of June 2021, 10.8% of our undergraduates belong to a recognized fraternity or sorority.

<http://www2.cortland.edu/offices/campus-activities/fraternities-and-sororities.dot>

[University Recognition](#) is coordinated through the Campus Activities and Corey Union Office. It is limited to organizations with official ties to a national fraternity or sorority with the exception of Nu Sigma Chi Sorority which has been grandfathered in. Recognition validates the fraternity/sorority and gives it permission to operate at SUNY Cortland with the following benefits:

- Ability to recruit new members with the cooperation and support of the university;
- Ability to use SUNY Cortland facilities to hold events and/or meetings;
- Ability to serve on Greek system governing boards to gain leadership experience and be part of an event and/or policy planning process;
- Ability to become involved in a wide array of community service possibilities;
- Ability to gain increased public promotion for all chapter accomplishments; AND
- Ability to have Cortland's Greek Advisor advocate on behalf of all individual members and organizations as appropriate.

[Currently Recognized Greek Organizations](#)

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| Social Sororities: | Alpha Phi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Delta Phi Epsilon, Nu Sigma Chi and Sigma Delta Tau |
| Social Fraternities: | Alpha Phi Delta and Theta Chi |
| NALFO: | Lambda Upsilon Lambda, Omega Phi Beta, Phi Iota Alpha, Sigma Lambda Upsilon, Lambda Sigma Upsilon and Sigma Iota Alpha |
| NPHC: | Kappa Alpha Psi and Sigma Gamma Rho |
| NMGC: | Mu Sigma Upsilon |
| Service: | Alpha Phi Omega |
| Other: | Lambda Theta Alpha |

[Unrecognized Organizations](#)

There are groups of students illegally using Greek letters, calling themselves members of a National fraternity and misleading students to "join" under false pretenses. The real chapters were removed from campus, removed from their National for repeated violations of SUNY Cortland and National policies. These groups are not actual fraternities and have no university oversight. Students should not put themselves at risk by "joining" them as they would be in violation of Cortland's Student Code of Conduct. These are the groups using the names:

- Delta Chi (DChi) *Any legitimate brothers remaining should have graduated last year.
- Kappa Sigma (Kappa Sig, KSig) *Any legitimate brothers remaining should have graduated last year.
- Omega Delta Phi (Omega or ODPhi) *All legitimate brothers graduated in early 2000s
- Pi Kappa Phi (Pi Kapp or PKP) *All legitimate brothers graduated by 2017
- Tau Kappa Epsilon (Teke or TKE) *All legitimate brothers graduated in early 2000s

These groups are illegally using both the names and the Greek letters of a National fraternity to which they have no connection.

[Banned Greek Organizations](#)

Two local fraternities have been permanently banned by SUNY Cortland 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).

Cortland'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 university.

[Typical Reasons Students Join a Fraternity/Sorority](#)

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

[Membership Eligibility Requirements When First Joining:](#) Eligibility verifications are conducted through SUNY Cortland's Campus Activities Office.

- Must be a full-time SUNY Cortland student and cannot be on either Academic Warning or Academic Probation
- First semester first year students cannot join any fraternity or sorority
- Returning/continuing students must have earned credit for completing at least 12 credit hours at SUNY Cortland and have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA (College does honor/go by higher organizational GPA requirements; Many require at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA).
- Incoming transfer students must have earned at least 24 post-high school credit hours and have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA; Proof of this must be submitted to the Campus Activities Office via transcript.
 - ◊ Unofficial transcripts are accepted as long as they show student name, school name(s), cumulative GPA and total number of credit hours completed. College courses taken while in high school do not count.
 - ◊ Fall 2020: Transcripts are to be sent electronically to Sandra.Wohlleber@cortland.edu

[Membership Expectations](#)

- Attendance at all chapter/colony meetings and participation in chapter/colony events
- Compliance with all SUNY Cortland policies and procedures
- Living up to organizational values; Serving as a positive role model
- Payment of chapter/colony and National dues in a timely fashion each semester (or each year if billed annually)
- Not associating/socializing/mixing/collaborating with any of the College's unrecognized or banned groups
 - ◊ Chapters, colonies, councils that do will be referred to the Student Conduct Office for sanctioning.

[Community Service](#)

- Greeks completed 375 community service hours in 2020-2021 (Limited opportunities due to pandemic and suspension of all fraternity and sorority in-person activities).
- Most activities were virtual and included writing letters of support for nursing homes, hospitalized children, etc.

[Philanthropy](#)

- Greek Life raised approximately \$37,650 in 2020-2021. All fundraising was done virtually.
- Funds raised benefitted the philanthropies officially endorsed by each organization as well as other causes.

[Academic Success](#)

All organizations value scholarship and recognize that members are here first and foremost to be students. While grades can fluctuate for a variety of reasons, it is not true that joining a fraternity or sorority means that a student's grades will go down, often times exactly the opposite is true. Much depends on each individual's time management skills.

- At the end of 2020-2021, 87 fraternity/sorority members had cumulative GPAs in the Summa Cum Laude range, 142 were in the Magna Cum Laude range, and 206 were in the Cum Laude range.

[Expansion](#)

- Panhellenic (NPC) 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 Associate Director of Campus Activities and Greek Affairs. This process takes time and there are no guarantees that the expansion will be approved. As a reminder, local fraternities and/or sororities are not allowed. For more information see the Expansion Brochure linked off the Fraternities and Sororities website.

[Questions? Concerns?](#) Contact Associate Director for Campus Activities and Greek Affairs Sandra Wohlleber.

Sandra.Wohlleber@cortland.edu (607)753-5769, Corey Union, Room 412

Fraternity and Sorority Updates for Fall 2021

The suspension of fraternity and sorority in-person activities was lifted in July 2021. It is intended that at least some events will be held in-person but only if they are able to be held safely. Decisions will be made on a case by case basis. Other activities will be done virtually.

As of August 1, plans are underway to hold recruitment events both in-person and virtually. This may change depending on how the COVID numbers look at any given time. Chapters, colonies, and councils are all being encouraged to continue to meet virtually.

September 10, 2021: Greek Convocation at 4:30 p.m. in Old Main's Brown Auditorium

*This inspirational event is free and open to the public. All attendees are required to wear a face covering. Attendance will be taken for the purpose of any needed contact tracing.

To learn more about what's going on, visit the Instagram sites listed below. Some groups will also be active on "Cortland Connect."

You could also choose to reach out directly to any chapter/colony/council members you may know.

Chapter/Colony Instagram Sites

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| Alpha Phi: @alphaphi_cortland | Omega Phi Beta: @Cortland_betas |
| Alpha Sigma Alpha: @phasig_cortland | Phi Iota Alpha: TU PAPA@cortland_phiotas |
| Delta Phi Epsilon: @dphie_cortland | Sigma Lambda Upsilon: @slu_enticing_epsilon |
| Nu Sigma Chi: @nusig_alpha | Kappa Alpha Psi: @cortlandnupes |
| Sigma Delta Tau: @sigdelt_cortland | Lambda Sigma Upsilon: @cortland_upsilons |
| Alpha Phi Delta: @apd_cortland | Sigma Gamma Rho: @cortlandsgrho |
| Theta Chi: @thetachicortland | Lambda Theta Alpha: @lta_etabeta |
| Alpha Phi Omega: @cortland_apo | Sigma Iota Alpha: @sia_cortland |
| Lambda Upsilon Lambda: @LULbetatheta | Mu Sigma Upsilon: @horaeziel_msu |

SUNY Cortland Panhellenic Council: @cortland_panhel

SUNY Cortland Greek Multicultural Council: @cortland_gmc

GREEK ALPHABET

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| A — Alpha | I — Iota | P — Rho |
| B — Beta | K — Kappa | S — Sigma |
| Γ — Gamma | Λ — Lambda | T — Tau |
| Δ — Delta | M — Mu | Υ — Upsilon |
| Ε — Epsilon | N — Nu | Φ — Phi |
| Z — Zeta | Ξ — Xi | Χ — Chi |
| H — Eta | Ο — Omicron | Ψ — Psi |
| Θ — Theta | Π — Pi | Ω — Omega |



Fraternity and Sorority Life

