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Dear Union College Student,

Congratulations on your choosing Union College, a premier liberal arts school and one of the oldest establishments in the state of New York.

The name Union truly reflects the spirit of the college community, whether it is through the newly formed Minerva houses, the different student clubs and sports, or the timeless tradition of Greek Life. The collaboration of students, faculty, and administration is what has allowed this college to exist for so long and influence its surrounding area so significantly.

This campus has the unique distinction of being recognized as the “Mother of all National Fraternities”. With seventeen recognized chapters between the Interfraternity Council, College Panhellenic Council, and Multicultural Greek Council, each with their own values and virtues, it is difficult to find a person on campus whose personal views are not, in some way, reflected by at least one brotherhood or sisterhood.

The experiences I have had as a member of my fraternity have allowed me to grow in many ways that may not have occurred if I had remained independent throughout my college career. I have been involved in a number of philanthropic events both on and off campus and within my individual chapter. The brotherhood, as a unit, is a self-improving group, as seen in mentoring and academic assistance between all classes. The group mentality of each chapter helps to amplify the positive ideas of the individual.

True leaders are formed within the bonds of the brotherhoods and sisterhoods. Many organizations present on Union’s campus are run by and made up of Fraternity and Sorority members. Many of these campus leaders will go on to make significant contributions within their respective communities. Statistics have shown significant success among members of different Greek communities. Examples of notable Union Greeks include Chester Arthur of Psi Upsilon, Edward Bellamy of Delta Kappa Epsilon, and Gordon Gould of Sigma Chi. The caliber of success among Union Greeks ranges from noted political leaders, to influential artists and inventors.

In closing, I, on behalf of the Greek community, urge you to work hard, be productive, and most of all, HAVE FUN during your freshman year. We look forward to seeing you as sophomores during rush. Feel free to contact the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Timothy Dunn, with any questions or concerns you have regarding the process

All the Best,

Brandon Botto

IFC President

The Union College Greek Community

Greek life at Union College is part of a long and storied history, and has proved to be an invaluable part of the campus community. As the home of the “Union Triad,” we are often recognized as the “Mother of Fraternities.” The Greek community at Union is comprised of the Interfraternity Council, the College Panhellenic Council, and the Multicultural Greek Council, together representing 17 chapters. Union’s Greek organizations have made countless contributions to the rich history of both the College and the surrounding Schenectady community. Greeks enjoy a remarkable degree of success both in and out of the classroom, and the connections developed within a Greek organization prove to be of the highest importance when networking in life after college.

Why Go Greek?

The Greek community at Union is conducive and committed to shaping future leaders through its variety of leadership opportunities. Greeks are an extracurricular presence, as they are involved as leaders in a range of student groups and varsity athletics. Academic success is of the utmost importance not only to the Greek community, but to Union College as a whole. Greeks traditionally experience a high degree of success in the classroom and are held to a high standard with regards to their grade point average. Chapters are ranked within their respective organizations according to grade point average. This average within the Greek community is higher than that of non-affiliated students.

Contributions through community service are another founding principle around which Greek organizations are based. Thousands of dollars are raised and countless hours contributed in efforts to create a better community. Participation in intramural sports is just one more facet of the Greek experience. While intramural sports are open to all students, the fiercest competition is generally among Greek organizations.

The friendships fostered within each chapter are an unparalleled bond that unites members through similar experiences. Greek life is an excellent way to enhance the broader college experience through camaraderie. Membership means building bonds between members of the Greek community and working towards the mutual goal of a better campus for all. Fraternity and sorority brothers and sisters typically last as life-long friends.

Greek Life Terminology

Active: a fully initiated member of the chapter

Bid: an invitation to join a fraternity or sorority

Chapter: the local group of a Greek organization

CPC (College Panhellenic Council): the self-governing body representing 3 sororities on the Union campus

Greek: a member of a fraternity or sorority

IFC (Interfraternity Council): the self-governing body representing 9 fraternities on the Union campus

Initiation: the ritual which brings a pledge into full membership

MGC (Multicultural Greek Council): the self-governing body for race-interest Greek organizations, representing 3 fraternities and 2 sororities

Philanthropy: an event or project designed to better the community

Pledge: a new member of a Greek organization working towards full membership

Rush: a period during which interested students can explore what each Greek organization has to offer. Chapters seek out new members within this pool to hand out bids to

The Greek Alphabet

Α	Alpha
Β	Beta
Γ	Gamma
Δ	Delta
Ε	Epsilon
Ζ	Zeta
Η	Eta
Θ	Theta
Ι	Iota
Κ	Kappa
Λ	Lambda
Μ	Mu
Ν	Nu
Ξ	Xi
Ο	Omicron
Π	Pi
Ρ	Rho
Σ	Sigma
Τ	Tau
Υ	Upsilon
Φ	Phi
Χ	Chi
Ψ	Psi
Ω	Omega

Social Responsibility

Dry Rush

Dry rush is defined as a period of time in which alcohol may not be present at any events. This is in effect for the entire rush period. It is also the expectation that the laws of the State of New York will be followed regarding the legal drinking age at any event outside of rush sponsored activities..

Alcohol

Each chapter maintains a responsible social policy that promotes enjoyable social activities in a safe environment. All chapters work to educate and foster a better understanding of social responsibility and alcohol education for all their members. The IFC, CPC, and MGC are committed to helping organizations maintain balanced social programs that contribute to personal development and do not detract from the educational mission of the College.

Hazing

Hazing is a fundamental violation of human dignity. Hazing is any intentional, negligent/reckless action, activity, or situation, which causes another pain, embarrassment, ridicule, or harassment, regardless of the willingness of the participant. Hazing in any manner is strictly prohibited. Hazing has no place in Greek life and is completely contrary to the ideals on which fraternities and sororities were founded.

Questions and Answers

What is rush?

Rush is the term used for the recruitment period of new members. Rush lasts a week and affords each interested student to explore each chapter and get to know the members and values of the house. Bids are given out at the end of the week to those students that the chapter deems to be the most complete potential members.

What is a bid?

A bid is an invitation to join a Greek organization. Bids may be extended to a student who has rushed and has gotten to know the members of the chapter. Such students should not feel obligated to accept a bid. Students may receive bids from multiple chapters, but for obvious reasons may only accept one.

If I go through rush, do I have to join a Greek organization?

Although most students that receive bids accept them, this is not required. All sorts of conflicts may arise, and a student should only accept a bid if they feel comfortable doing so. Students may rush more than once, so if they have a conflict with pledging during the allotted time frame they may certainly rush again at a later date.

How much does a fraternity or sorority cost?

The cost of fraternity and sorority dues varies from chapter to chapter. Chapter dues are used to maintain the house, pay annual insurance, assist with philanthropic endeavors, fund alumni and other social events, and pay national fees. Dues usually amount to a couple hundred dollars; the best way to find out is to ask during rush.

If you have any other questions, feel free to call the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life

IFC Chapters

The Interfraternity Council is the governing body of the North-American Interfraternity Conference member fraternities, representing nine at Union. The IFC is responsible for supervising fraternity recruitment, approving fraternity programming, adjudicating fraternity conduct cases, and regulating the social events of each chapter. The IFC serves the needs of its member fraternities through advocacy, collaboration, and education.

Through the enrichment of the fraternity experience, the advancement and growth of the fraternity community, and enhancement of the educational mission of the College, the IFC works to ensure that fraternities can operate and find success within the Union College community. The IFC is also committed to enhancing the benefits of fraternity membership. Within the Council, each fraternity has one vote with regards to all issues and policies brought before it, as do the members of the cabinet.

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Alpha Delta Phi: ΑΔΦ



Local Founding: 1859

President: Peter Hart

“A D” The Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity was founded in 1832 at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, by Samuel Eells (1810-1842). Alpha Delta Phi is the fourth oldest fraternity in existence. While founded as a literary society, it evolved into one of the most distinguished of the original American college fraternities. It has retained its focus on its literary roots, by attracting only the best students at only the best colleges and universities in Canada and the United States. Alpha Delta Phi was the first fraternity at Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Brown, Amherst, and Bowdoin. Originally residing in Grant Hall, Alpha Delta Phi has been at Union College since 1859. Alpha Delta Phi is a small chapter at Union, and this allows for much closer ties and a much more unified brotherhood than some of the larger fraternities. There are no cliques or groupings within our brotherhood. We are also extremely diverse, with brothers from different nations and many different regions of America.

Alpha Epsilon Pi:

ΑΕΠ



Local Founding: 1986

President: Casey Lichtman

“A E Pi” Alpha Epsilon Pi was founded in 1913 at New York University. Union College’s Upsilon Sigma Chapter received its charter on May 9, 1986. Following the ideals of the International organization, “Alpha Epsilon Pi was founded to provide opportunities for the Jewish college man seeking the best possible college and fraternity experience.” AEPi is a Jewish fraternity, though non-discriminatory and open to all who are willing to espouse its purposes and values. During its 95-year history, AEPi has initiated over 83,000 men as 2,000 new undergraduate members join the brotherhood each year. Over the years, AEPi has helped to develop thousands of outstanding men including: Paul Simon, Art Garfunkle, Wolf Blitzer, Gene Wilder, Congressman Jerrald Nadler, Sanford Weill and Mark Zuckerberg. The brothers of AEPi strive to help each student develop character, responsibility, and a proper set of values through living together in brotherhood.

Chi Psi

ΧΨ



Local Founding: 1841**President: Billy Tully**

Chi Psi was founded on the 20th of May, 1841, at Union College. It was the first Fraternity founded upon principles of brotherhood and as a social fraternity. The Fraternity is present at 30 prestigious colleges and universities across the country. In 2007-2008, 26 sophomores participated in recolonizing Alpha Pi. The 26 brothers are involved in an array of activities on campus and community service. Our Fraternity understands the importance of academic, social, athletic and philanthropic participation on campus. We thrive to become true gentlemen, valuing friendship, traditions, respect and our responsibility to Union College. We have a vast alumni network that has been very involved in recolonizing and supporting new brothers. Chi Psi takes pride in its alumni connections during and after college to help discover careers and build lifelong relationships. Becoming a brother will provide leadership opportunities and encourage active roles on and off campus.

Delta Kappa Epsilon

ΔΚΕ

**Local Founding: 1893****President: Eric Rizzi**

The Theta Chi Chapter of DKE (pronounced Deek) was built on strong foundations that have existed at Union College since 1893. While the chapter itself has undergone many changes in its storied history, the doctrine of its first founders still echoes in the hearts of its members. Persistence and determination have allowed DKE to become a leader on campus. DKE brothers are heavily involved in campus athletics, community service and academic endeavors. When not engaged in campus or community activities, DKE brothers can often be found engaged in fierce competition on their volleyball court.

Phi Delta Theta

ΦΔΘ



Local Founding: 1883

President: Ben Bristow

"Phi Delt" was founded in 1848 at Miami University in Ohio, and Union's Beta Chapter was established at Union in 1883. Since that time, over 1150 men have lived up to their promise of friendship, sound learning, and moral rectitude. They have continually shown leadership qualities as well as strong moral character. One of Union's last actual fraternity houses is located up-campus overlooking the 50 yard line of the football field. After extensive construction and renovations during most of last year, the chapter house is open again and better than ever. The enormous transformation marks a new era at Phi Delta Theta.

Psi Upsilon

ΨΥ



Local Founding: 1883

President: Ted Hancock

"Psi U" was founded at Union College in 1833, and is known for its towering flag pole and

distinguished alumnus including President Chester A. Arthur. Today, the tradition continues, as Psi U brothers embody the fraternity's pursuit for moral, social, and intellectual excellence on campus. Recently relocated to Fox Hall South, Psi Upsilon offers its brothers unparalleled unity, lifelong friendships and the opportunity to leave a lasting impression on the Union community.

Sigma Chi

ΣΧ



Local Founding: 1923

President: Brendan Kennedy

"Sig Chi" was founded in 1855 at Miami University in Ohio, and Union's Gamma Zeta Chapter was established in 1923. Sigma Chi has over 200 chapters all across the US and Canada with well over 150,000 alumni world-wide. Having so many chapters open to you with thousands of alumni ready to assist a fellow brother is quite an honor and a privilege. We are striving to become a premier college leadership organization through leadership programs for our brothers like Sigma Chi Horizons and the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop held annually to train and inspire our fraternity's future leaders. The fundamental purpose of the Sigma Chi Fraternity is the cultivation, maintenance, and accomplishment of the ideals of friendship, justice and learning. We try to do this by cheering on our brothers at basketball games and intramural sports, holding philanthropy and social events for the campus to come and share our fellowship and hospitality, and striving to be successful student leaders in all aspects of campus life. Being a Sigma Chi is incredibly fun and rewarding. Being a member fosters leadership, builds character, and promotes positive relationship skills which will enable our members to become productive and caring participants in their families, colleges and communities. It is a life-long commitment and a big responsibility that few can experience.

Sigma Phi

ΣΦ



Local Founding: 1827

President: Kevin McKenzie

"Sig Phi" was founded at Union College on the 4th of March, 1827. It is the second member of the Union Triad, making it the oldest national fraternity in existence. What can a young man expect from Sigma Phi beyond its core values of friendship, love and truth? He will have mentors and role models who can provide support and guidance in scholastics, social behavior, loyalty, honor and individual responsibility. None are excluded from our consideration. The only requirement for membership is that the candidate be a matriculated male in good standing with the college. Since its founding in 1827, Sigma Phi has never had any religious, racial or other barriers to membership. New members will have similar qualifications and characteristics to the graduating brothers they replace, but they have yet to experience the permanent transformation from youth to manhood that will occur in the setting Sigma Phi provides.

Theta Delta Chi

ΘΔΧ



Local Founding: 1847**President: Ted Weller**

"T D CHI" was founded at Union College on October 31, 1847, and has since expanded to numerous other campuses. Theta Delta Chi has offered young men the opportunity to enjoy life-long friendships and develop important academic, business, and social skills that will prepare them for a lifetime of learning and success. We are an enthusiastic, well-rounded, diverse, intelligent, and athletic group of students who hold friendship, philanthropy, and leadership in high regard. We are extremely proud of our many "firsts." We were the first fraternity to: publish a magazine ("The Shield"), adopt colors (black, white, & blue), design and fly a characteristic flag, adopt a precious stone (ruby), issue a pledge pin, form an endowment fund, adopt a flower (the carnation), and adopt a patron saint (the Roman goddess Minerva, which is now accepted as the patron saint of all fraternities, and is also Union's icon). We love to celebrate our proud heritage here at Union. Our motto reflects what it is to be one of our brothers: "Our Hearts Are United."

College Panhellenic Council

The College Panhellenic Council is the governing body for the three CPC member Sororities at Union College. During college, a National Panhellenic Council sorority offers women personal and professional support within a smaller group of friends, in a larger college environment. With this support, her individual personal and leadership development are fostered through attending seminars as well as through holding officer and committee positions within the chapter itself.

Membership in a CPC sorority enhances women's academic achievement by providing several forms of support to assist her, ranging from study resources to quiet study areas. She also is encouraged to participate in community service initiatives through philanthropic activities, setting an example of lifelong service for others. After her undergraduate years, she will have lifelong friendships, as well as continued personal and professional support through alumnae activities and networking programs.

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Delta Delta Delta

ΔΔΔ



Local Founding: 1981

"Tri Delt", founded in 1888 at Boston University, began as an organization concerned with the growth and development of college woman and has evolved into a leader among sororities. The Beta Psi chapter of Tri Delta was founded at Union College in 1981 and currently consists of 120 active collegiate members. Tri Delta's chosen philanthropy is Children's Cancer Charities, namely St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Last year the chapter hosted an event where over \$10,000 was raised for St. Jude's Hospital, making us one of the top ten most successful Tri Delta chapters internationally for this event. Along with other philanthropic events such as the Pancake Breakfast, they have and continue to sponsor educational speakers ranging from the topic of anti-hazing to alcohol awareness. They proudly maintain a diverse and motivated sisterhood where we strive to uphold the purpose of Delta Delta Delta; to establish a perpetual bond of friendship among its members, to develop a stronger and more womanly character, to broaden the moral and intellectual life, and to assist its members in every possible way.

Gamma Phi Beta

ΓΦΒ



Local Founding: 1986

Gamma Phi Beta was founded in 1874 at Syracuse University, making it one of the ten oldest women's groups in America and the sisterhood for which the term "sorority" was coined. The Epsilon Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta was brought to the Union College campus in May of 1986 and is one of the 142 collegiate chapters throughout the United States and Canada. Gamma Phi is a very active sorority on campus. Along with big philanthropic projects such as the Breast Cancer Walk, Throw a Pie, making scarves for the homeless, working with COCOA House, and raising the most money for Relay for Life, they also participate in smaller philanthropic events throughout the term. Not only is it very fulfilling to give back to the community but it is also one of the ways the sisters spend time with each other. They have the largest, free standing house on this campus; therefore, they do not have to share our space with anyone except sisters. With help from the school they have been able to make the sorority house really feel like home. The women in the Epsilon Chapter at Union College will celebrate 20 wonderful years on this campus and are excited for the future.

Sigma Delta Tau

ΣΔΤ



Local Founding: 1977

"SDT" is a diverse group of women with common goals: friendship, trust, understanding, and support. Seven special women founded Sigma Delta Tau at Cornell University in 1917, and remains one of the most well-known sororities nationally, with sixty-three chapters nationwide. The Beta Xi Chapter was the first sorority founded at Union College and was established on November 20, 1977. Along with friendship and fun, the sorority sponsors several fund raisers. Their biggest outreach is for the Prevent Child Abuse America organization including "Shots for Tots", a student/faculty basketball game each spring. They have also helped to sponsor a student trip to New Orleans to aid with Katrina relief. SDT invites fraternities to the school's Safe-Space films and hold presentations that promote alcohol awareness. They are proud of our diverse and amazing group of sisters. Our sorority members include Dean's List students; women who have gone abroad to Germany, Japan, Barbados, and beyond; co-editors of the college newspaper; and varsity athletes.

Multicultural Greek Council

The Multicultural Greek Council is the governing body for the Multicultural, Black, and Latino/Latina Fraternities and Sororities. Member chapters are generally members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations, or independently governed. The primary purpose and focus of member organizations is community awareness and action through educational, economic, cultural, and service activities. For this reason, involvement within MGC chapters proves to be a substantially rewarding bond; individuals take on an array of leadership and team-oriented skills that are essential for success after college.

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Alpha Phi Alpha

ΑΦΑ



Local Founding: 1983

The most remarkable leadership in the African American community in the 20th century has without question come from the ranks of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first intercollegiate fraternity for men of African descent. Since its founding on December 4, 1906 at Cornell University, the Fraternity has supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African Americans and people of color around the world. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was brought to the Union College's Campus in 1983 as the first multicultural organization of its kind. Since its inception, the Pi Pi chapter has held their organization's legacy of leadership and excellence dear to their hearts. The elite brothers of Pi Pi have high moral character, and the persistence they have had in serving the Union and Schenectady community makes them shine on campus. The Brothers of Pi Pi Chapter are committed to excellence and will work as hard as they can to keep that great light of Alpha Shining bright.

Iota Phi Theta

ΙΦΘ



Local Founding: 2005

Iota Phi Theta was founded on September 19, 1963, at Morgan State University, and established at Union on March 8, 2005. Throughout America, Iota Phi Theta has come to represent excellence in all areas. The Fraternity is and shall forever remain dedicated to its founders' vision of "Building a Tradition, Not Resting Upon One!" Iota Phi Theta is an organization for leaders, leaders who wish to keep their personal identity, while working with others to accomplish great things!

Lambda Pi Chi

ΛΠΧ



Local Founding: 2005

Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc. was founded on April 16, 1988 at Cornell University by five strong women who sought to establish an organization that would transcend their collegiate experience and consolidate their strength as responsible women devoted

to the community. Tau Chapter at Union College was founded on June 5, 2005 by three women who felt the need to bring an organization that celebrated the beauty, courage, strength and vigor of not only the Latina woman, but all women through community service and Hermandad, our special sisterhood. Today, the women of Lambda Pi Chi are dedicated to academic excellence, public service, cultural awareness and la Hermandad. Our determination and loyalty to these values continue to define our relentless spirit. It is through sincere knowledge that La Hermandad Nunca Termina that we will continue to accomplish all we have set out to do.

Omega Phi Beta

ΩΦΒ



Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded on March 15, 1989 at the University at Albany, State University of New York. Seventeen dedicated women of various cultural and ethnic backgrounds came together to create an outlet for women to initiate change. The foundation was built to fight against the injustices historically suffered by our gender. As the first Latina-oriented organization in the history of the University at Albany, they struggled to establish our organization, our purpose and most importantly, a precedent.

Phi Iota Alpha

ΦΙΑ



Local Founding: 1991

President: Edgar R. Alor

Phi Iota Alpha was founded on December 26th, 1931 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. In its seventh chapter, Eta Chapter, was established at Union College in May of 1991 with the purposes of: creating an environment in which everyone could maintain, share and promote their cultures, advance multiculturalism in the college community, and create a respectful and supportive atmosphere for the future generations of Latino students, and students of color in general.