Fraternity & Sorority Glossary & Alphabet

Greek Speak:

- **Active:** A member who has been initiated into lifelong fraternity or sorority membership and is active at the collegiate level.
- **Alumni/ae:** Initiated fraternity or sorority members who have graduated from college.
- **Anchor:** Last person in a line (NPHC)
- **Bid:** A formal invitation to join a particular sorority or fraternity.
- **Big Brother or Big Sister:** An active member who serves as a mentor to a New Member during their New Member Program.
- **Call:** A sound that is unique among organizations; used by members to recognize one another.
- **Chapter:** The local group of a larger inter/national organization, and designated by a special name, or Greek letters.
- **Crossing:** The actual date of initiation into NPHC chapter.
- **Continuous Open Recruitment (COR):** An informal recruitment process for both fraternities and sororities to grow their chapters outside of the formal recruitment processes.
- **International /National Headquarters:** The central organization of a particular fraternity or sorority.
- **Legacy:** A prospective member whose grandparent, parent, or sibling is an alumnus of, or active in, a particular fraternity or sorority.
- **Line:** Term used to describe the members of a new member class in NPHC organizations.
- **Membership Intake:** The process that NPHC chapters utilize to recruit, interview, select, and initiate new members. The period of membership intake varies from chapter to chapter.
- **New Member Program:** A period of education when new members learn the history, ideals, and values of fraternity and sorority life. The time frame of the New Member program varies for each Chapter.
- **Panhellenic Recruitment:** A series of events given by each sorority that are designed to introduce sorority life to potential new members.
- **Philanthropy:** A charitable fundraiser sponsored by a sorority or fraternity.
- **Potential New Member (PNM):** A college student who is participating in recruitment either formally or informally.
- **Probate:** A show used to introduce new members of an organization.
- **Recruitment Counselor (Rho Chi**): A trained sorority member who has disaffiliated herself from her chapter during Formal Panhellenic Recruitment in order to counsel and assist women in making informed decisions during recruitment without pressure.

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Greek Alphabet:

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