Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

American University is proud of the contributions made by our fraternity and sorority community. These organizations provide outstanding opportunities for their members to gain valuable leadership skills, participate in community service projects, raise money for philanthropic causes, and actively participate in a variety of campus activities. Greeks can also boast about their outstanding academic performance. The overall fraternity and sorority life grade point average of 3.39 is higher than the all university average or 3.17. The community has a deferred recruitment process, which means that students who have completed 12 credit hours at American University and have a 2.5 cumulative GPA are invited to participate in fall recruitment. All others will have the opportunity once they have achieved second semester freshman status. Transfer students may join an organization their first semester utilizing the credits they brought with them.

The university holds all recognized clubs and organizations to very high standards and a majority of the fraternities and sororities embrace this philosophy. Unfortunately, there are two fraternities which elected to violate university and fraternity policies and lost recognition. This spring Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) lost university and fraternity recognition and was closed due to hazing activities. In the spring of 2001, the Alpha Tau Omega (ATΩ) fraternity lost university and national fraternity recognition because of serious policy infractions. Upon loss of recognition, members of this organization formed an unrecognized organization known as Epsilon Iota or El.

Involvement in these unrecognized organizations could pose an inherent risk to your student and the university highly discourages individuals from involving themselves with these groups. For a complete listing of university recognized clubs and organizations, visit our Web site at http://www.american.edu/activities

American University Fraternity and Sorority Life offers a wealth of personal growth opportunities for its members. We hope your student will take the time to learn more about our fraternities and sororities as they seek ways to become involved! Should you have any questions about the fraternity and sorority community, feel free to contact Student Activities at 202-885-3390.

Best Wishes,

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