Dear Student:

The University is home to 39 values-based fraternities and sororities across six governing councils that range in mission from social to service to cultural. Each of these organizations was founded on the fundamentals of brotherhood/sisterhood, academic excellence, leadership, and community service. These organizations strive to make a positive impact on this campus. This past semester, members of fraternities, sororities, and social fellowships completed 8,528 hours of community service and hosted 175 on-campus programs and events.

Recruitment activities commence at the start of each semester and once completed, the chapters extend formal written invitations to prospective members (bids). If a student chooses to accept the bid, then he/she is affiliated with that chapter and begins the new member process. The student will then take part in meetings, philanthropic service, social events, and study sessions. This new member period may not last longer than eight weeks, as stipulated by the Office of Student Involvement’s regulations, and programs are required to be structured so as to not interfere with academic responsibilities.

As you consider joining a fraternity or sorority, please review the following items:
1. Learn more about our community!
2. Recognized fraternities and sororities
3. Prospective member requirements
4. 20 Questions About Joining a Greek-lettered Organization
5. Browse our organizations on MyInvolvement.org
6. Fraternity and Sorority Spring 2015 Report
7. Hazing Prevention
Per the University’s student code of conduct, *Community Rights and Responsibilities*, it “is a violation of University policy for students to affiliate with organizations that have had their University recognition suspended or permanently revoked by the University. The definition of affiliation includes joining, rushing, pledging or being involved in any activity that would normally be associated with being a member of such organization.”

For more information regarding our fraternity and sorority community, please visit Fraternity and Sorority Affairs located in Campus Center 333 or contact Arleny Alvarez-Peña, Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, in the Office of Student Involvement at (518) 442-5566 or aalvarez-pena@albany.edu.

Sincerely,

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