Dear Student:

The University is home to 38 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. This past semester, members of fraternities, sororities, and social fellowships completed 9,755 hours of community service and hosted 198 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:

- Guide to UAlbany Fraternity & Sorority Life
- Chapters, Organizations, and Councils
- Become a Member
- 20 Questions About Joining a Greek-lettered Organization
- Fraternity and Sorority Spring 2016 Report
- Hazing Prevention Course

While the University does not permit freshmen to pledge or join a social fraternity or sorority during their first semester at the University, exceptions have been made for nine chapters that have met certain criteria. You can find a complete list of these organizations and other fraternities and sororities that are in good standing with the University here.
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.” To see a list of unrecognized groups, click here.

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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