

Center for Student Involvement 561-237-7154

#### Letter from the Advisor

Dear Potential New Members,

When I transitioned to college right out of high school, I was worried about how I would make friends and fill up my free time in between classes and homework. I played field hockey and lacrosse throughout high school which made me accustom to feeling like part of a team and working towards a common goal. During my first year I looked for a structured organization that united people for a common purpose, and also allowed for a lot of social interactions. It through recruitment that I realized Greek life had everything I was looking for. So in 2014 I joined Delta Gamma Sorority at Rutgers University.

Fast forward a few years later and I am excited to be working with the fraternities and sororities at Lynn University. Year in and year out, Lynn's Greek chapters and colonies thrive in Boca Raton and make a difference in the community. Lynn's Greek organizations encourage leadership, academic excellence, service and lifelong friendship among their members. Each year, our fraternities and sororities fundraise for various charities and dedicate countless hours of community service to different organizations.

Today, we are bombarded by media that describe the stereotypical Greek membership experience. You may be asking yourself, "Is Greek life for me?" I hope you will give this question consideration as only you will be able to answer it. You will soon find that those media images you see are not the reality of this experience. Take time to learn about each of Lynn's Greek chapters. We are a small community but we have a lot to offer. College can be challenging but your membership in the Greek community can be a great support.

I hope that you will consider sharing in the life changing experience that is Greek life. Along with your degree, your Greek experience will last far beyond your undergraduate years.

Cheers,
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Here I am with my Bid Day card from Delta Gamma Epsilon Psi (2011)

# Should I "Go Greek"?

You should consider the questions below to determine if you should join a fraternity or sorority!

#### **Requirements:**

If you can say Yes to the requirements below you can "Go Greek"

- I have a 2.5 Cumulative GPA (H.S GPA or transfer GPA)
- I am a full time student (taking 12 credits at Lynn)

#### **Questions to Consider:**

- Will I have enough time in my schedule? Commitment to an organization can be anywhere between 3-8 hours a week.
- Will I be able to afford membership?
   Membership fees and other financial obligations can be between \$300 \$600 a semester.
- What am I passionate about?
  Each organization has specific values and community service organizations they work with.
- What are your reasons for joining?
   Joining a Greek organization can lead to lasting friendships, great networking connections, and leadership opportunities.



### **Recruitment!**

The formal process of obtaining an invitation or "bid" to a fraternity or sorority.

There are a few different ways to obtain a bid from an organization. At Lynn University, a majority of bids are given out in the Fall semester during "Fall Formal Recruitment". There is also the possibility of receiving a bid in the Spring semester, just the recruitment process is a bit less formal and is called "Continuous Open Bidding".

#### **Fall Formal Recruitment**

Formal Recruitment is hosted by Greek Council, and is a great way to meet the five fraternities and sororities at Lynn University. Occurring the first few weeks of the Fall semester, formal recruitment is a great introduction to Greek life and an excellent way to form a network of close friends within just a few days.

#### **Continuous Open Bidding**

If you missed out on formal recruitment, this is a great way to find a fraternity or sorority home at Lynn. Any chapter whose membership falls below the set total is eligible for continuous open bidding (COB). This option is sometimes available after Fall Formal Recruitment and during the spring semester. It's very casual and unstructured, so some sororities will complete their COB process before another begins it. You may contact the Office of Student Involvement if you are interested in joining a chapter through this process.

Please note: Participation in recruitment does not guarantee an invitation to join a fraternity or sorority, nor does it obligate a potential new member to join.

#### **Greek Terminology!**

Bid- An invitation to join a Greek organization.

Initiation- A ritualistic ceremony during which new members receive lifelong membership privileges.

Legacy- A relationship through a family member (i.e. mother, father, sister, brother). There is no standard policy regarding legacies and invitations for membership. Each chapter or national organization has its own policy.

Mutual Selection- Greek membership is a social experience arrived at by mutual choice and selection. Greek membership is by invitation. A student must choose the chapter and the chapter must choose the student.

New member- A person who has accepted a bid but is not yet an initiated member.

Order of Omega- a leadership honor society for members of Fraternity & Sorority organizations.

Philanthropy- A national or local charity for which a chapter or colony does service projects and fundraisers Potential new member (PNM)- Any person interested in becoming a fraternity or sorority member who is matriculated and eligible according to Recruitment requirements.

Pledge- A promise made by a new member.

Ritual- The traditional ceremony of a fraternity or sorority, usually kept secret.

### Fraternities



The Interfraternity Council's (IFC's) purpose is to advance its local fraternity community. The NIC provides direct support, resources and services to IFC officers, representatives, advisors and alumni to further the health and success of local fraternity communities.



Founded at Lynn: May 4th, 2013

Nickname: SAE

Philanthropy: Children's Miracle Network

Colors: Royal Purple, Old Gold, And

Nazarene Blue

Facebook: @SAELynnU



Founded at Lynn: 2002

Nickname: APD

Colors: Purple and white

Twitter: @APDLynn

Facebook: @APDdeltaPsi



Founded at Lynn: 2008

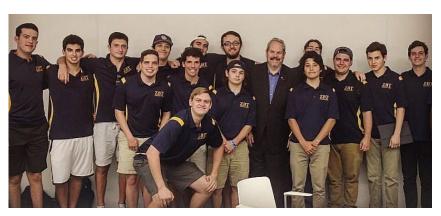
Nickname: ZBT

Philanthropy: Children's Miracle Network

Colors: Blue White Gold Instagram: @zbtlynnu







## sororities



The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), one of the largest organizations advocating for women, is the umbrella group for 26 national and international sororities that are autonomous social organizations. At Lynn, there is the College Panhellenic Council (CHP) which is the umbrella group for the two NPC sororities on campus.



Founded at Lynn: April 25, 1998 Nickname: Sigma or Tri Sigma

Philanthropy: Robbie Page Memorial Fund

Mascot/Symbol: Sailboat

Colors: Royal Purple and White

Website: http://www.lynn.trisigma.org

Instagram: @trisigmalynnu Twitter: @trisigmalynnu





Founded at Lynn: November 16, 2013

Nickname: Theta Phi

Philanthropy: The House that Theta Phi Alpha Built

Mascot/Symbol: Penguin Colors: Silver, gold, and blue Instagram: @thetaphialpha\_lu Facebook: @TPALynnU

