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## ABOUT US

Our Greek organizations are comprised of groups of individuals with various interests. They are bonded together by common goals and aspirations. These bonds are strengthened by honor, friendship, truth, knowledge, and character. Greek membership carries with it many benefits including leadership opportunities, academic support, an emphasis on service, and a bond of brotherhood or sisterhood.

Opportunities for personal growth and the development of interpersonal skills are synonymous with fraternity and sorority life. Young men and women have the opportunity to test themselves in a supportive atmosphere where they learn new skills that will enrich their life experience and prepare them for career challenges and fulfilling relationships.

Joining a fraternity or sorority is a lifetime commitment—a commitment that will benefit you now and in the future. Our Greek community has so much to offer you. It is comprised of chapters that are individually unique, but together they are a complete and united community.

# Fraternity and Sorority Pillars

## Scholarship

The fraternity/sorority community strives for scholarship and development of academic excellence among its members. All chapters at St. John's University maintain academic requirements for membership and initiation. In order to ensure academic growth, chapters provide scholastic assistance in the form of study hours tutoring, scholarships and awards. As students make the transition from high school or other college, the fraternity and sorority community helps them adjust to their new academic surroundings and provide the tools necessary for success. Each fraternity and sorority members also have the opportunity to apply to the Order of Omega Honor Society.

## Fellowship

The Social aspect of Fraternity and Sorority Life offers student a break from the daily routine of classes and studying. Each chapter has its own activities; however, typical events include formals, brotherhood/sisterhood events, weekend retreats, alumni/ae reunions, and functions with other fraternities and sororities. In addition, Greek Week, and Recruitment are some of the social experiences you will have as a fraternity or sorority member.

## Service

Members at St. John's University strive to benefit the university and the greater Staten Island community through community service. Each fraternity and sorority have philanthropy and service projects which range from donating time to raising funds for charitable or university causes to hands on experiences. These relationships allow for the entire fraternity and sorority community to come together and provide services to the Staten Island community. Giving to others is one of the most important experiences as a fraternity or sorority member.

## Leadership

Fraternities and sororities encourage active participation in leadership experiences. There are over 40 registered student organizations that provides students with opportunities for leadership and problem-solving skills that are necessary in today's society. Members can participate as a chapter officer or as a member for one of the committees that each chapter maintains. There are also opportunities for our members to become actively involved in Student Government and other student organizations.



ORDER OF OMEGA

**The purpose of Order of Omega is to recognized those fraternity men and women who have attained a high standard of leadership in interfraternity activities. The organization highlights the top academic performing fraternity and sorority members.**



# Traditions

## Philanthropy

Philanthropy is one of the reasons many people choose to join fraternity and sorority life. Each organization devotes its efforts to raising awareness for a cause of their own choosing. As members of these organizations, it is on us to ensure that charity and selflessness continue to be the most important cornerstones of all Greek fraternities and sororities.



## National Hazing Prevention Week

Students join together with faculty and staff throughout the college to reinforce what being in community means while pledging to abolish hazing from the larger St. John's community. The university and FSL have worked diligently to educate the community of the harms and negative impacts these behaviors have on each chapter, and more importantly, each individual.





## FSL Mixer

As social Greek lettered organizations, we pride ourselves on the strength of our inter-fraternal relationships. One way we foster community is by having socials once a month! Every fraternity/sorority has a mixer with another chapter on the same night. These mixers range from cookouts on campus to game night.

## Greek Week

Fraternities and sororities are paired together to compete in various events throughout the week while celebrating our values of brotherhood/sisterhood, philanthropy, and learning. Staple events include: tug-o-war, flag football, orange pass, basketball and more. Overall, this is the largest and most fun event in the spring semester for fraternity men and sorority women!

## Meet the Greeks

Is a weekend immersive experience during the beginning of the fall semester that all new members are required to attend. This is an important experience when joining the FSL community because it brings all new members together to provide insight on how the governing councils work and educate new members on values based recruiting practices through the use of social excellence.





# President's Circle



**Santo Tiralosi**  
**President of Kappa Sigma**

When I first came to St. John's, I never saw myself as someone who would join a Fraternity; but, after seeing the fraternities on campus and getting to understand what it really meant to be a part of the Greek Community, I was surprised as my image of Greek life changed. I found a group of people who I could be a part of a larger community with, who I knew I would be good friends with and do good things with, for the community and for my future, and who I could have a good time with.



**Jacqueline Lepore**  
**President of Kappa Beta Gamma**

My primary motivation for joining Greek life on the St. John's campus was to create special bonds with young woman who share similar interests and goals as I do. Gaining leadership experience was another major motivating factor for me, and I am so grateful for the opportunities that Kappa Beta Gamma has offered me. Being a member and leader of KBG has allowed me to work with not only my sisters, but also the amazing organizations, both within the Greek Life community and outside of it.

## Why Should I Explore Fraternity/Sorority Life



**Jacqueline DeCarluccio**  
**President of Phi Eta Chi**

Being a part of the FSL community has helped me get more involved on campus than I ever thought possible. Joining a sorority has exposed me to every aspect of Greek life, while also introducing me to a home in my sisters who are now my peers and friends. I have developed leadership qualities as well as skills in the areas of teamwork and communication. FSL at St John's gives you the opportunity to participate in community service, build your resume, and expand your college experience further than you would've imagined.

## Reasons To Get Involved With FSL



**Alexander Valdes**

### **President of Iota Alpha Sigma**

Before coming to St. John's I knew I wanted to be a part of something bigger than myself and Greek Life gave me the opportunity to do that. Joining a fraternity has brought me to meet lifelong friends in my brothers and even people in other organizations in the FSL community. On top of just being a member, being a student leader in the FSL community has allowed me to improve my leadership and team building skills.



**Victoria Josephine**

### **President of Theta Phi Alpha**

I chose to join Greek life so I would have the opportunity to not only learn more about myself but connect with people from all different backgrounds and beliefs. Joining a sorority has allowed me to understand the true meanings of team work and leadership, values which I will need for my future career. Now, I don't only have an entire support system at school, my sisters, but I also have memories I will forever cherish and qualities I will take with me throughout life!



**Gamma Eta**

### **President of Gamma Eta**

I joined a sorority because I wanted to be more involved in campus life. Being a sister has given me so many experiences I would otherwise not have had if I had not joined. As president, I have learned how to navigate the waters of leadership, understanding, and operating in a business setting. Joining has also given me sisters who are always there for me and friendships that will last a lifetime!



## GAMMA ETA

The first social sorority to be founded in the State of Florida. The sorority is dedicated to creating a culturally aware atmosphere in which women from diverse ethnic backgrounds can develop a sense of pride, sisterhood, and support in order to ensure professional and academic success.

- **Nickname** ΓΗ
- **Colors** Purple and Teal
- **St. John's Charter Date** 2017
- **Philanthropy** Breast Cancer Awareness
- **Open Motto** "Today and Always"
- **Number of Chapters** 8
- **National Members #** More than 400



## KAPPA BETA GAMMA

Their purpose is to unite the members in the bond of sisterhood; to develop friendships among the members during their college years, to improve the members morally, socially, and intellectually, and to foster the support of College/University, alma mater and of God and country.

- **Nickname** KΒΓ
- **Colors** Blue and Gold
- **St. John's Charter Date** 2018
- **Philanthropy** Special Olympics
- **Open Motto** "Character, Culture, Courage"
- **Number of Chapters** 32
- **National Members #** More than 10,000



## PHI ETA CHI

Phi Eta Chi is one of the longest running greek life organizations at the St. John's Staten Island Campus. The sisters of Phi Eta Chi embody the true meaning of sisterhood. A close knit community, they have always demonstrate school spirit and can always been seen wearing letters around campus

- **Nickname** ΦHX
- **Colors** Black and Gold
- **St. John's Charter Date** 1945
- **Philanthropy** Faith, Education and Charity
- **Open Motto** "Love and Sisterhood"
- **Number of Chapters** 1
- **Local Memebers #** More than 400





# THETA PHI ALPHA

Our mission is to create close comradeship, to advance educational, social and philanthropic interests and leadership training; to encourage spiritual development and adherence to the highest moral standards; and to promote lifelong bonds of friendship.

- **Nickname** ΘΦΑ
- **Colors** Silver, Gold and Sapphire Blue
- **St. John's Charter Date** 2009
- **Philanthropy** Glenmary Home Missioners
- **Open Motto** "Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring"
- **Number of Chapters** 57
- **National Members #** More than 31,000



## ALPHA PHI DELTA

Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity is a national Italian Heritage Fraternity, established on November 5, 1914 at Syracuse University. We are, by Constitutional mandate, an all-volunteer organization, serving God and country through the generous donation of time and effort given by our members.

- **Nickname** ΑΦΔ
- **Colors** Tyrian purple and White
- **St. John's Charter Date** 1989
- **Philanthropy** Tunnel To Towers Foundation
- **Open Motto** "We Do"
- **Number of Chapters** 43
- **National Members #** More than 16,000



# IOTA ALPHA SIGMA

Founded in 1933, Iota Alpha Sigma has as its dedicated purpose to beneficially contribute to the University, its brothers, and contemporary society. Its aims are of Christian brotherhood, scholarship, and service. It is an academic and social fraternity dedicated to fostering the brotherhood of its membership through many activities, both charitable and social.

- Nickname ΙΑΣ
- Colors Black and Gold
- St. John's Charter Date 1933
- Philanthropy Breast Cancer
- Open Motto "Honor, Loyalty and Respect"
- Number of Chapters 1
- Local Members # More than 200



## KAPPA SIGMA

Kappa Sigma is the largest college social fraternity in the world with more than 250,000 living members, including over 20,000 undergraduates and 320 chapters and colonies located throughout the United States and Canada.

- Nickname  $\text{K}\Sigma$
- Colors Scarlet Red, White and Emerald Green
- St. John's Charter Date 2011
- Philanthropy Military Heroes Campaign
- Open Motto "Bologna Teaches"
- Number of Chapters 320
- National Members # Over than 250,000





# of Undergrads: 907

# of FSL Community: 200

**22.05%**



FSL Community Service:

**2788 Hours**



Money Raised

**\$27,357**

# Service & Philanthropy

Members are encouraged to give back to the New York City Area through service initiatives, which may be organized by the office or individual chapters. Or chapters support various causes including: Tunnels to Towers, Military Heros, Glenmary Home Missioners, student education and others.

Some organizations may have a national event that each of its chapters completes in. However, each chapter may customize this event to best fit the needs of the community. Many chapters even have Philanthropy and/or Service chairs on their executive boards who plan these events or find other service opportunities within the community for the chapter to participate in.



**9 Million FSL  
Members Nationally**



**85% Of The Fortune 500  
Executives Belong to FSL**



**Over 123 Fraternities  
And Sororities Nationally**



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