

**LAFAYETTE**  
FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

**Statement on Unrecognized or “underground” Greek organizations**

The Lafayette College Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life recognizes and values the benefit of undergraduate fraternal organizations. Greek-letter organizations with recognition at Lafayette College are founded on the principles of scholarship, leadership, service and cultivating positive and meaningful bonds of brother/sisterhood. Our partnership with national and international headquarters helps to convey the importance of, and hold members accountable to, the founding principles of these organizations.

Listed below are the Women’s and Men’s Fraternal Organizations that are currently recognized at Lafayette College.

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Alpha Gamma Delta Women’s Fraternity	Chi Phi Men’s Fraternity
Alpha Phi Women’s Sorority	Delta Kappa Epsilon Men’s Fraternity
Delta Gamma Women’s Fraternity	Delta Tau Delta Men’s Fraternity
Kappa Kappa Gamma Women’s Sorority	Delta Upsilon Men’s Fraternity
Mu Sigma Upsilon Sorority, Inc.	Phi Kappa Psi Men’s Fraternity
Pi Beta Phi Women’s Fraternity	Zeta Psi Men’s Fraternity

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If your daughter, son, or student has attempted to join or has claimed to affiliate with any Greek Letter organization or fraternal organization that is not listed above, please note that said organization is not recognized by Lafayette College. Furthermore, these groups **may not** be connected or affiliated with any national or international fraternity. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life does not condone students who choose to join these groups and that parents discourage their students from joining them as well.

Membership in any unrecognized Fraternity or Sorority violates the Lafayette College Code of Conduct. There are additional risks associated with joining an unrecognized or underground group. An unrecognized or underground group will not have the ability to provide liability insurance coverage to its officers or members. As a result, any incident that occurs that causes damage to college property, private property, or cause injury to one’s self or others will be the responsibility of a parent or guardian’s home owner’s insurance to cover damages resulting from the action(s) of any individual(s) that is found to be identified as being a member of an unrecognized organization at Lafayette College. Additionally, any student identified as being a member of an unrecognized group may be in violation of trademark rights of a National or International fraternal organization and may be subject to criminal charges.

To determine if the group your student is joining is a registered and recognized Fraternity or Sorority at Lafayette College, use the following check list:

- The group is listed as a recognized Fraternity or Sorority on the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life website <http://greeklife.lafayette.edu/>
- The group is affiliated with a national or international organization with a headquarters you can call and a website you can visit.
- The Lafayette chapter appears in the listing of active chapters on the national or international organization’s website.
- The group is listed on the Lafayette Fraternity & Sororities Governing Councils websites (<http://greeklife.lafayette.edu/governing-councils/>).
- There is a local alumni advisor(s) you can call or email, and that person(s) is known to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life.

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- Fall membership recruitment events are open to all students, widely advertised, happen on campus, and are known to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
- The new member program is three weeks in duration and dates are set with the College.
- The group has a current liability insurance policy issued through the national or international organization, and can provide you with a copy of the certificate of liability insurance.
- The group has recognized chapters at other schools.
- Dues payment checks are made out to the organization and deposited to an organizational account, not to an individual.
- Philanthropy and/or community service projects do not include alcohol or occur at venues that serve alcohol.

Lafayette College promotes life-long learning through a variety of out of the classroom experiences including Fraternity & Sorority Life. If you have any questions regarding the legitimacy of any organization that your child may be joining please be sure to contact the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life at (610) 330-5580.

Sincerely,

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