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Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services
Office of New Student Programs
Student Commons Managers and Staff
USC&A 104 Office Suite Student Assistants
Fraternity and Sorority Life Student Assistants
Event and Conference Services Student Assistants
Dear Friends of the Fraternity and Sorority Life Community at VCU,

During the 2008-2009 academic year, the VCU fraternity and sorority community realized the vast benefits of their hard work from the past few years. The development and success found over the last year is a result of the leadership in the community. The work of these students led to the creation of a more solid foundation for the fraternity and sorority experience at Virginia Commonwealth University. There is now a clear expectation for what it means be a member of a fraternity or sorority at VCU and the shared responsibility toward members in the future.

There are many significant moments that made the past year special. While it is difficult to quantify all of them, it is important to highlight major points of pride in which the community is able to collectively celebrate. These points of pride are as follows:

• The addition of one new sorority (Phi Sigma Rho Engineering Sorority) and one new fraternity (Pi Kappa Alpha) as well as the official installation of Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority.

• Creation and adoption of the Shared Standards Agreement for Fraternities and Sororities, a set of shared standards for all fraternities and sororities to attain and follow administered through each of the governing councils.

• Granted the ability from the Monroe Park Campus Student Government Association to allocate funding to the governing councils and chapters through the newly established Fraternity and Sorority Finance Committee.

• All Fraternity and Sorority Governing Councils were recognized for achievements by the Mid-American Greek Council Association at the Annual Mid-American Greek Council Association/National Black Greek Leadership Conference.

• National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) was recognized with NPHC Award by the Mid-American Greek Council Association at the Annual Mid-American Greek Council Association/National Black Greek Leadership Conference. This award is given to the best NPHC in the country.

• Third Annual Fraternity and Sorority Leadership Retreat for Chapter Presidents, Emerging Leaders, and Governing Councils was provided by the University Student Commons and Activities.

As you read through this report, it is our hope that you will celebrate in the successes as well as the challenges that were presented over the past year. As the VCU fraternity and sorority community prepares for its 40th year of existence, there is certainly much to be proud of in reflection of what this community has achieved in its continuous path to be one of the best in the nation.

Fraternally,

Michael Bodnarik

Cara Jenkins
Chapter and Council Service Programs and Hours

9,496 hours of service donated

1.48 tons of food donated

221 Service Programs

$22,778.77 donated

Chapter and Council Programming

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Non-Profit Organizations Served in 2008–2009

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Alpha Epsilon Pi Foundation
Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation
Alpha Omicron Pi Foundation
Alzheimer’s Foundation
American Cancer Society
American Diabetes Association
American Heart Association
Angel Tree
Arthritis Foundation
Beth Ahaba Museum and Archives
Breast Cancer Awareness
Cammy Lee Leukemia Foundation
Carver Elementary School
Central Virginia Food Bank
Chai Lifeline
Children’s Literacy Foundation
Children’s Miracle Network
Chris Cullather Memorial Fund
Cinderella Dreams Project
Faith Awareness
Fan District Association
Ginter Park Elementary
Habitat for Humanity
Homelessness Awareness
Hospitality House
Jimmy V Foundation
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Low Income Families
Manchester YMCA
March of Dimes
National Bone Marrow Foundation
National Kidney Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation
Peter Paul Development Center
Political Awareness
Richmond Area Emergency Center
Richmond Children’s Hospital
Richmond Community Program
Richmond Holocaust Museum
Richmond Recreation and Parks
Richmond Police Department
Robbie Page Memorial Fund
Ronald McDonald House
Ruby Harvey Memorial Scholarship Fund
Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness
Sharsheret
Society for Leukemia and Lymphoma
St. Jude’s Research Hospital
Street Clean-Up
Susan G. Koman Foundation
The Virginia Home
Troop Support
VCU - F.A.C.T.
VCU Child Development Center
VCU Volunteer Services
Virginia Blood Services
Virginia Children’s Museum
Virginia Commonwealth University
Voter Registration
Youth Mentoring
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### Risk Management Violations

- **CPC** Recruitment Infraction, Risk Management (Social Event Notification)
- **IFC** Hazing, Length of New Member Process, Risk Management (Social Event Notification), Scholarship, and Sexual Harassment
- **MGC** Hazing, Facility Use, Risk Management (Social Event Notification), and Scholarship
- **NPHC** Risk Management (Social Event Notification) and Scholarship
### Fraternities

- **Outstanding Fraternity of the Year**
  - Sigma Alpha Epsilon

- **Outstanding Chapter Management**
  - Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity, Inc.

- **Outstanding Community Service**
  - Delta Chi

- **Outstanding Philanthropy**
  - Sigma Alpha Epsilon

- **Outstanding Leadership & Community Engagement**
  - La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda, Fraternity Inc.

- **Outstanding Membership Development/Education**
  - Sigma Alpha Epsilon

- **Outstanding Membership Recruitment/Intake Practices**
  - Sigma Alpha Epsilon

- **Outstanding Risk Management/Legal Liability**
  - No award given
  - Pi Lambda Phi – recognized for improvement.

- **Highest Overall Cumulative GPA**
  - Alpha Epsilon Pi

- **Most Improved GPA – Fall 07 to Fall 08**
  - Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

- **Fraternity Man of the Year**
  - Richie Boe, Sigma Phi Epsilon

- **Outstanding Chapter President – NPHC**
  - Michael Perkins, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

- **Outstanding Chapter President – IFC**
  - Thomas Lott, Sigma Alpha Epsilon

- **Emerging Fraternity Leader of the Year**
  - Jason Lin, Lambda Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Inc.

- **William R. Auchmoody Advisor of the Year**
  - Mr. Sylvester Brown, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

### Sororities

- **Outstanding Sorority of the Year**
  - Alpha Omicron Pi

- **Outstanding Chapter Management**
  - Alpha Epsilon Phi

- **Outstanding Community Service**
  - Alpha Omicron Pi

- **Outstanding Philanthropy**
  - Phi Mu

- **Outstanding Leadership & Community Engagement**
  - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

- **Outstanding Membership Development/Education**
  - Alpha Omicron Pi

- **Outstanding Membership Recruitment/Intake Practices**
  - Delta Phi Omega Sorority, Inc.

- **Outstanding Risk Management/Legal Liability**
  - No award given

- **Highest Overall Cumulative GPA**
  - Alpha Gamma Delta

- **Most Improved GPA – Fall 07 to Fall 08**
  - Kappa Phi Gamma Sorority, Inc.

- **Sorority Woman of the Year**
  - Jessica Robertson, Alpha Epsilon Phi

- **Outstanding Chapter President – CPC**
  - Julie Bunson, Alpha Epsilon Phi

- **Outstanding Chapter President – MGC**
  - Natasha Bhatia, Delta Phi Omega Sorority, Inc.

- **Emerging Fraternity Leader of the Year**
  - Alex Bozoghlian, Alpha Omicron Pi

- **Lynne Chambers Alumni Involvement Award**
  - Dr. Linda Hancock, Chapter Advisor for Delta Phi Omega Sorority, Inc.
Fraternity and Sorority Life Area Excellence Awards

Chapter Management
- Alpha Epsilon Phi
- Alpha Epsilon Pi
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Alpha Omicron Pi
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Alpha Sigma Alpha
- Delta Chi
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.
- Kappa Sigma
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- Phi Mu
- Phi Sigma Sigma

Community Service
- Alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority, Inc.
- Alpha Omicron Pi
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Delta Chi
- Delta Phi Omega Sorority, Inc.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Lambda Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Inc.
- Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- Pi Lambda Phi
- Sigma Lambda Upsilon Sorority, Inc.
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Sigma Rho Fraternity, Inc.
- Sigma Sigma Sigma

Leadership & Community Engagement
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- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Alpha Omicron Pi
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Alpha Sigma Alpha
- Delta Chi
- Delta Phi Omega Sorority, Inc.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
- Sigma Lambda Upsilon Sorority, Inc.
- Sigma Phi Epsilon

Membership Development & Education
- Alpha Epsilon Phi
- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Alpha Omicron Pi
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- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Kappa Phi Gamma Sorority, Inc.
- Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- Phi Mu
- Phi Sigma Sigma
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
- Sigma Lambda Upsilon Sorority, Inc.
- Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Sigma Sigma Sigma

Membership Recruitment & Intake Practices
- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Alpha Omicron Pi
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Risk Management and Legal Liability
- Alpha Omicron Pi
- Delta Phi Omega Sorority, Inc.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Phi Sigma Sigma
- Pi Lambda Phi
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Philanthropy
- Alpha Epsilon Phi
- Alpha Epsilon Pi
- Alpha Gamma Delta
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- Phi Sigma Sigma
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Theta Chi

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HONORING GREEK LEADERS SINCE 1959

Alpha Epsilon Phi
- Julie Bunson*
- Jessica L. Robertson*

Alpha Gamma Delta
- Nicole Baeza
- Elizabeth Franks*
- Christina Gibson
- Allison Kilchenstein*
- Rachel Young*

Alpha Omicron Pi
- Elise Giannotti*

Delta Phi Omega
- Etsegent “E” Firdaweke*

Delta Sigma Theta
- Carrington Goins*

Iota Phi Theta
- William Wilkerson*

Phi Mu
- Lindsay Fisher
- Jessica Phelan*

Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Thomas Lott
- Stephen Straus*

Sigma Sigma Sigma
- Kendall DiMeglio
- Angela Patterson
- Blaire Turpin*

*Spring 2009 Initiates
College Panhellenic Council Update
The College Panhellenic Council of VCU welcomed 143 new members into the community during the 2008-2009 academic year. This includes 13 members of the VCU Colony of Phi Sigma Rho, a national engineering sorority that joins the Panhellenic community as an Associate Member. On March 1, 2009, Alpha Epsilon Phi was installed as the Beta Theta Chapter, making it the seventh NPC member organization at VCU. In addition to membership growth, the CPC community had an unprecedented year of programming and leadership development. The CPC membership completed a total of 23 programs ranging from five officer specific roundtables, three service projects and co-sponsored programs with the VCU Wellness Center. In addition, the governing council received awards of distinction at the Mid-American Greek Council Awards ceremony in the areas of Council Management, Leadership and Educational Development, and Self Governance and Judicial Affairs. In addition, CPC was awarded the 2008-2009 National Panhellenic Conference Risk Management Award.

Multicultural Greek Council Update
The Multicultural Greek Council of VCU welcomed 49 new members into the community during the 2008-2009 academic year. This includes eight new members to the newly independent Alpha Psi Chapter of Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc. MGC focused primarily on council management and organization this year, coordinating 16 programs including three officer specific roundtables, seven service events, judicial board training and development, and long term chapter calendar planning. MGC also updated their Expansion Policy in preparation for the selection of interest groups to expand beginning in the fall of 2009. To bring the year to a close, MGC hosted its first Stroll-Off Competition, which is sure to be the start of the council’s very own annual tradition. In addition, the governing council received awards of distinction at the Mid-American Greek Council Awards ceremony in the areas of Council Management & Public Relations and Self Governance & Judicial Affairs.

National Pan-Hellenic Council Update
The National Pan-Hellenic Council of Virginia Commonwealth University welcomed 70 new members into the community during the 2008-2009 academic year. In addition to membership growth, the NPHC community had an unprecedented year of achievement and was named the best NPHC in the entire country by the Mid-American Greek Council Association. NPHC continued to impact the campus and greater Richmond community through their dedication to service. The NPHC membership completed five street clean-ups, painted the VCU Music Department’s Bowe House, and volunteered at the Richmond Children’s Museum.

The council also put significant time into programming for its community this year. The council provided education on important members in each of their organizations history as part of an NPHC program for Black History month. The council also provided roundtables for chapter officers on hazing, new member intake, scholarship, service, program planning, and risk management during the year.

Interfraternity Council Update
During the 2008-2009 academic year, the Interfraternity Council welcomed Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity to the council. The fall semester was devoted to strengthening the operations of the council. This process began with a new member ceremony to recognize all men who accepted invitations to join a fraternity during the fall semester. The men continued to grow further in this area by banding together and revising their constitution and bylaws. This revision process was one of the highlights of the fall semester as members from each chapter worked collectively in this process. The council would receive recognition for their work from Mid-American Greek Council Association in the area of Council Management.

The spring semester saw the council place an emphasis in the areas of service and scholarship. The men provided opportunities to discuss ways in which to improve chapter academics as well as introduced new accountability measures. In addition, the council made a significant impact at Relay for Life and finished as one of the top fund raising groups for the event.
MGCA Awards and Recognition

The VCU fraternity and sorority community was recognized for excellence at the 2009 Mid-American Greek Council Association (MGCA) meeting in St. Louis, MO. Most notably, the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), the governing council over the nine historically African-American fraternities and sororities, received the MGCA Overall Outstanding NPHC Council Award for 2008. In addition, the NPHC of VCU received awards of distinction in all six possible areas of excellence, including: Council Management and Public Relations, Community Service, Academic Achievement, Leadership and Educational Development, Membership Intake, and Self Governance and Judicial Affairs.

The other three governing councils were recognized with areas of excellence awards. The College Panhellenic Council, the governing council over the seven National Panhellenic Conference sororities at VCU, received awards of distinction for Council Management, Leadership and Educational Development, and Self Governing and Judicial Affairs. The Multicultural Greek Council, the governing council over the seven culturally based fraternities and sororities at VCU, received awards of distinction for Council Management and Public Relations and Self Governing and Judicial Affairs. Finally, the Interfraternity Council, the governing council over the 10 men’s fraternities at VCU, received an award of distinction for Council Management.

In addition, the College Panhellenic Council was selected for “Best Practices Program” for their educational session titled “You can’t choose when you put on or take off your letters: You’re always a sorority woman.”

Shared Standards

In the fall of 2007, student leaders from the fraternity and sorority community began a discussion of setting a basic set of standard expectations for all fraternities and sororities at VCU. This original conversation came to fruition in the spring 2009 semester with the adoption of the Shared Standards agreement.

The Shared Standards Agreement for Fraternities and Sororities at Virginia Commonwealth University is a document that outlines the basic expectations for fraternities and sororities at VCU. The areas of performance include: Academic Performance; Membership Development/Education; Risk Management and Legal Liability; Leadership & Community Engagement; Community Service and Philanthropy; Membership Recruitment/Intake Practices; and Chapter Management. Each chapter will be expected to meet the Level 1 Criteria in each of these areas. The document goes on to provide guidance for those chapters that wish to go above and beyond the basic expectations. In the future, all fraternity and sorority awards will be presented based on a chapters ability to fulfill Level 2 and Level 3 Criteria in the individual areas.

A copy of the new Shared Standards document can be found on the fraternity and sorority life Web site.

Fraternity and Sorority Life Finance Committee

The spring 2009 semester provided the VCU fraternity and sorority community a unique opportunity to partner with the Monroe Park Campus Student Government Association on a new initiative. The SGA requested that the fraternity and sorority community develop a structure for appropriating Student Activity Fee dollars to fraternities and sororities. Historically, each fraternity and sorority, along with each of the governing councils, was required to participate in the annual SGA appropriations process along with the other 350 student organizations.

The community responded to this opportunity through the development of the Fraternity and Sorority Finance Committee, a group of students, selected from each governing council, which would complete the annual appropriation hearings and manage the $80,000.00 provided to fraternities and sororities through the Student Activity Fee. This group of eight students successfully completed the first set of hearings and allocations, and looks forward to their continued work through the upcoming year.

The opportunity to create a process specifically for fraternities and sororities also allowed the community to meet some chapter needs that were not able to be fulfilled through the previous process. Money for summer travel is now available along with increased funding for programs sponsored jointly by fraternities and sororities. All questions regarding the Fraternity and Sorority Finance Committee should be directed to its advisor Dr. Carolyn Whittier at whittierce@vcu.edu.
Addition of a second Coordinator for Fraternity and Sorority Life

Michael Bodnarik joined the University Student Commons & Activities staff as a Coordinator for Fraternity and Sorority Life in September of 2008. The addition of this position now brings the office staff to two full time professionals in the Fraternity and Sorority Life area. Michael serves as the direct advisor to the Interfraternity Council and as the secondary advisor to the National Pan-Hellenic Council. He received his B.A. in American Studies from the George Washington University and a M.Ed. in Student Personnel from the University of Florida. Prior to coming to VCU, he worked at University of California, Davis. Michael is a member and founding father of the chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity at GWU.

Professionals Elected to Positions in the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors

The elected leaders who will serve the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors through the 2009 calendar year were installed on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008 at the annual Business Meeting, which was held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center, Dec. 3-7, 2008.

Of the 12 installed officers, Dr. Carolyn Whittier will serve as the President for the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors. Cara Jenkins will also serve as the Region II Director. Over 180 appointed volunteers will join these officers in a collaborative effort to further advance the mission and strategic goals of the Association in the coming year.

Founded in 1976, the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors (AFA) exists to enhance its members’ abilities to create fraternity and sorority experiences that positively affect students, host institutions, and communities. With almost 1,700 members AFA has grown into a multifaceted, international higher education association providing resources, recognition, and support for fraternity/sorority advising professionals and those invested in the fraternal experience.

Opening of the New Fraternity and Sorority Life Office

In order to provide the best service to its students, the University Student Commons and Activities is making several structural changes that include expansion of the Counseling Center space, a new office area for Off-Campus Student Services as well as a new office area for Fraternity and Sorority Life. The new Fraternity and Sorority Life office will be located on the lower level of the Student Commons. The new office will include a reception area with extensive chapter mailboxes, a large conference room table, four desk areas for the fraternity and sorority governing councils, two professional offices and a graduate assistant office. The timeline for construction puts the new office space opening in August of 2009, just in time for students to arrive back to campus!
**Chapter Departures**

**Closure of Chapter – Kappa Sigma**

May 28, 2009

Dear members of the VCU Fraternity and Sorority Community,

I am writing to inform you that the charter of the Lambda Zeta chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity was revoked by action of the national fraternity on April 30, 2009. In addition, the university convened the Judicial Board of the Interfraternity Council. The Board recommended to the university to cancel the student organization registration for the Kappa Sigma chapter at VCU effective May 1, 2009. Both of these actions were done in response to an egregious hazing violation that took place at a camping trip in late March 2009. The university accepted the decision and the student organization registration for Kappa Sigma has been cancelled.

The recommendation from the Interfraternity Council Judicial Board was that the cancellation of the student organization would be in place through at least the fall of 2016. The Interfraternity Council of Virginia Commonwealth University adopted a ten year, long range expansion plan, with the last group anticipated to start in the fall of 2016. Kappa Sigma will not be eligible to apply as part of the long range expansion plan, but would be eligible once the current plan is completed.

The Lambda Zeta chapter of Kappa Sigma was chartered at VCU on May 14, 1971, and has had a long history at the university. The chapter had 37 initiated members and four new members at the time of the incident. The initiated members of the chapter will now be on alumni status with the fraternity and may not engage in any activities in the name of the fraternity.

In the fall 2009 semester, each fraternity and sorority governing council will host a community meeting to discuss the issues of hazing within our community and what we can all do to ensure that hazing is eliminated from the fraternity and sorority experience at VCU. Information about these meetings will be communicated as we get closer to the opening of school in August 2009.

The VCU fraternity and sorority community was established in 1970 and currently has 33 chapters/colonies and 916 initiated members. Questions related to the removal of Kappa Sigma from the fraternity and sorority community should be directed to me.

Fraternally,
Carolyn E. Whittier, Ph.D.
Associate Director, Programs and Educational Services

**Chapter Dormant – Zeta Phi Beta**

In the spring of 2007 a memorandum was issued to all fraternities and sororities reminding them of the VCU Student Organization policy of maintaining a membership of five full-time, enrolled students. At that time several fraternities and sororities did not meet the minimum membership requirement, so an 18-month grace period was provided to allow all chapters ample opportunity to conduct recruitment or intake to meet the minimum requirement.

In December 2008, the Eta Theta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. had members graduate leaving the chapter below the required five members. Thus, the chapter is now dormant at the university until such time as the Graduate Chapter and the university can agree on a return timeline.
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