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December/January Greeks of the Month

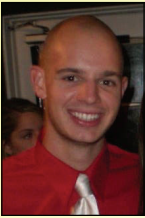
Greek of the Month is peer-to-peer recognition given to members of the Fraternity & Sorority Community who demonstrate outstanding leadership, service, academic accomplishment, and brotherhood/sisterhood. This individual is a person of good moral character who upholds the values of the fraternal community and the University.

Jessica Ardise



Jessica is an exemplary member of Delta Zeta. "As the Vice President of New Member Education, she has been vigilant in getting the New Members ready for sisterhood and becoming full members of our sorority. She is a true leader and mentor," said her nominator, another Delta Zeta member. In addition to her leadership within Greek life, she is also very involved with SUBOG and was instrumental in the planning of the homecoming parade. She is also a spin instructor on campus. Jessica is a great example of someone who exemplifies the pillars of Greek life.

Andrew Marsh



Andrew, a senior economics major, has been the Sigma Alpha Epsilon House Manager for the past year and has just recently been elected Treasurer. Andrew has also been a member of the Conduct Board, an after-school counselor at the Mansfield Community Center, a tennis instructor and a member of the Sports Marketing Club. "Andrew is someone who is dedicated to not only improving SAE as a whole but also someone who wants to help everyone around him," said Tim Kemp, nominator and President of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Nominations for Greek of the Month are due by the 15th of each month and should be submitted to Kevin Lobdell at Kevin.Lobdell@uconn.edu. For more information and nomination forms, please visit <http://greeklife.uconn.edu>.

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December Founders' Days

12/4 Alpha Phi Alpha
12/10 Kappa Sigma
12/25 Delta Gamma
12/29 Zeta Beta Tau
1/10 Tau Kappa Epsilon

Congratulations to the new Executive Board of the Panhellenic Council!

President: Paige Blackoff (ΚΚΓ)
VP of Administration: Danielle Hajjar (ΔΖ)
VP of Recruitment: Erin Cross (ΔΓ)
VP of Public Relations: Kelsey Larsen (ΔΓ)
VP of Finance: Shannon Czaplicki (ΚΚΓ)
VP of Internal: Leah Wapnitsky (ΑΕΦ)
VP of External: Jess Czahur (ΔΖ)
VP of Communications: Lisa McCoun (ΠΒΦ)

Congratulations to the new Executive Board of the Interfraternity Council!

Congratulations to the Greek Week Management Team!

Executive Director: Steve Mlenak (ΚΣ)
Communications Director: Michelle Kupersmith (ΔΖ)
Financial Director: Stacy Ramsey (ΔΖ)
Public Relations Directors: Rachel Ardise (ΔΓ)
Jennifer Jaffe (ΑΕΦ)
Service Programming Director: Ellen Pereira (ΚΦΛ)
Educational Programming Director: Sharon Sturtevant (ΔΖ)
Greek Activities Director: Lindsay Becker (ΔΖ)

Effective Study Methods



Provide these study tips to your chapters to help members get the

Congratulations to the new Executive Board of the Interfraternity Council!

President: Eric Weinstein (AETI)

Executive Vice President: Michael Helfrich (KΣ)

VP of Recruitment: Bruce Morse (ΛΧΑ)

VP of Risk Management: Sean Cady (ΒΘΠ)

VP of Financial Affairs: Michael Hogan (ΚΣ)

VP of Administrative Affairs: Christopher Duflo (ΣΦΕ)

VP of Membership Development: Rob Gabriel (ΒΘΠ)

VP of Public Relations: Eric Phillips (ΔΧ)

VP of Programming: Michael Boudah (ΣΦΕ)

Ideas to Promote Academic Success

College of William and Mary

- Take the NPC Academic Challenge to raise the all-sorority GPA by .1; recognize all of the members who raised their GPA by .1 or more.



Northwest Missouri State University

- Begin a "Sorority Smarty Pants" program by announcing A's at every Panhellenic meeting.

Ohio Wesleyan University

- Plan my "Big Fat Greek Awards" by combining academic and chapter awards into one program.
- Recognize members for several categories of GPA: 4.0, 3.5-3.99, 3.25-3.49, etc.

Oklahoma State University

- Select a topic each month that contributes to academic success: scholarship, careers and internships, academic integrity, studying and final tips, and distribute information about topics at the Panhellenic meetings.

University of North Carolina at Wilmington

- Conduct a tour for new members of the academic resources on campus, including the writing center, the tutoring center, the math center and the disability service center.
- Recognize the chapter with the most study hours per week/per month/per semester.

University of Southern Mississippi

- Print the names of Dean's List scholars in the campus newspaper.
- Select a "Scholar of the Week"

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

- Hold a "Pie for Pi" event and serve pie for all members who achieved a GPA over 3.14 the previous term.



Provide these study tips to your chapters to help members get the most from their time with the books.

Preparing to Study

- Make sure you have somewhere quiet to study, away from distractions, and preferably a table and chair to use. An environment like the library is ideal for studying.
- Have everything you need close at hand before you start.
- Switch off radios, televisions and anything else that may be background distraction.
- Make sure family and friends know that you have set this time aside to study and not to disturb you.

Retain More Information: Effective learning needs to be active, not passive. Here's a method that provides involvement and activity.

SQ-3R

Survey, Questions, Read, Recall, Review

- **Survey:** Scan the topic before you begin reading in detail. This gives you a frame or map of what you are about to read. Chapter outlines and summaries provide scanning opportunities, as do headings, italicized words and bold print.
- **Questions:** Formulate questions based on your surveying. Reframe the key points and concepts as questions. Write the questions. Past exam papers are a good guide to what questions might be asked about a topic, as are worksheets or revision questions lecturers hand out.
- **Read:** Look for answers. Read in detail. Concentrate intently on the answers to the questions you've formulated. Take each question in turn and zoom in on finding the answer.
- **Recall:** Close your textbooks and notes. Write your answers to the questions. Use only the key/core words or terms, not full sentences.
- **Review:** Check your answers against your notes. If you have missed important points, go back over the three R's again: read, recall and review. If your answers are correct, you now have a summary/study sheet for this topic.

With information provided by The Panhellenic Scholar; a publication from the NPC Academic Excellence Committee

10 Tips to Help New Members Succeed Academically

1. Set individual new member academic goals for the semester.
2. Set a new member class goal for the semester, and challenge the current members to meet that goal.
3. Educate new members about campus resources available, including academic support systems, counseling, financial aid and career planning.
4. Present workshops on study skills, time management and test-taking.
5. Review the college/university academic policies and timetables for dropped courses, withdrawals, etc.
6. Provide mentors with similar academic interests.
7. Monitor academic progress and provide supportive programming or assistance in a timely manner.
8. Reward those who excel, attend all classes or improve as the semester progresses.
9. Limit chapter events and meetings, and be especially careful not to over-schedule new members.





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10. Remind all members that they are role models and need to demonstrate their individual commitment to academics.