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INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL EXPANSION CONCLUDED

West Chester, PA – West Chester University of Pennsylvania

The Interfraternity Council is pleased to announce the conclusion to the second phase of its long-term expansion that began in the spring of 2013, resulting in four new chapters and a 118% increase in overall membership. The second phase began in the 2017 fall semester, when the Expansion Committee received application materials from the following fraternities: Alpha Chi Rho, Alpha Sigma Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Mu Delta, Pi Lambda Phi, Sigma Tau Gamma, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Theta Chi.

From these ten organizations, the field was narrowed down to six groups that would proceed to the next stage of the selection process (Alpha Chi Rho, Beta Theta Pi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Pi Lambda Phi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Theta Chi). These six groups participated in presentations to the IFC Expansion Committee that concluded on March 27, 2018. The Committee evaluated the groups based on four key criteria: local advisory board support, establishment procedures, ongoing support from the inter/national organization, and quality of inter/national programs.

The trend in long term expansion planning typically involves selecting specific timeframes for each new chapter establishment. In recognition of how community needs change from year to year, the Interfraternity Council has taken a different approach in its second phase of expansion. Consequently, the Committee determined that the best course of action was to approve the fraternities that fulfilled the required areas of evaluation, identify which one would start next year, and then place the remaining groups in an order of establishment without a specific start date. The Expansion Committee will convene after each expansion project to evaluate and assess campus culture and to determine appropriate timing for the next group to begin expansion efforts. Additionally, the yearly evaluation will ensure that each new set of Committee members engages with the expansion process. This ensures a consistent investment in new chapters and their overall impact on the campus community.

The IFC Expansion Committee approved all six of the groups for expansion to begin with Alpha Chi Rho in spring 2019. The list below reflects a tentative order of establishment for the approved groups:

Alpha Chi Rho – spring 2019

Tau Kappa Epsilon

Beta Theta Pi

Theta Chi

Pi Lambda Phi

Lambda Chi Alpha

The Expansion Committee offers special thanks to the ten groups who submitted information and especially to the six fraternities who traveled to campus. In alignment with IFC Expansion Policies and Procedures, letters of interest for all participating groups will remain on file indefinitely and will be used to determine future expansion opportunities.

WCU Interfraternity Council

The purpose of the West Chester University IFC is to promote intellectual, cultural, and social life among the students of the University, to promote the highest standards of gentlemanly behavior and good taste, to facilitate and increase positive relationships between fraternities, to promote better relations between the community and fraternities and to act as a medium between the student body, the organizations comprising it, and the fraternity system.

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