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PANHELLENIC COUNCIL EXPANSION

West Chester, PA – West Chester University of Pennsylvania

The Panhellenic Council is pleased to announce the conclusion of the Extension process, which the governing council officially voted to open in November 2012. On May 9, 2013, the final recommendation from the Panhellenic Extension Committee was approved by Chapter Delegates, extending an invitation to [Alpha Delta Pi](#) to establish a chapter in the Fall 2013 semester and [Alpha Sigma Alpha](#) in the fall 2014 semester. Based on chapter sizes and recruitment success after fall 2014, an invitation to [Kappa Delta](#) could be extended for no later than 2017.

All three organizations participated in presentations to the Panhellenic Extension Committee that concluded on April 11, 2013. The committee then made selections based on the four main areas of criteria: local advisory board support, actual establishment procedures, ongoing support from the inter/national organization and quality of inter/national programs.

The original recommendation of the Exploratory Committee approved one sorority to come to campus in the fall of 2013. However, through the evaluation process, the Extension Committee realized the need for multiple chapters over a four year period. With eight chapters on campus comprised of a total membership of 700 women, the average chapter size of NPC member organizations at WCU is 85. Having a desire to return to an average chapter size of 65, selecting more than one chapter was the logical conclusion. Known as “stacking” in the inter/national sorority community, adding multiple chapters allows for NPC member organizations to maintain a manageable chapter size while creating as many opportunities as possible for WCU students to join an NPC sorority.

The Panhellenic Community offers special thanks to the National Panhellenic Conference organizations who submitted materials, especially those who made the investment to travel to campus to provide detailed information to the PHC community. Additionally, the undergraduate students that worked tirelessly through this historic process are listed below:

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The object of the Panhellenic Association shall be to develop and maintain fraternity life and interfraternity relations at a high level of accomplishments and in so doing maintain a high plane of sorority life; promotion of intellectual, cultural and social life among all the students of the University; foster close, dynamic inter-relations between all sororities and all other Greek organizations; serve the University, community and society at large; encourage each member to develop characteristics to live responsibly and to become a creative, contributing member of society; and to act as a medium between the student body, the organizations comprising it and Panhellenic.

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