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INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL EXPANSION CONCLUDED

West Chester, PA – West Chester University of Pennsylvania

The Interfraternity Council is pleased to announce a conclusion to the Expansion process announced in November, 2012. In the original press release, plans to invite three chapters were outlined. However, the Expansion Committee received more applicants than originally anticipated, with a total of fifteen packets submitted by various North-American Interfraternity Council (NIC) fraternities. (*Alpha Chi Rho, Alpha Sigma Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Chi Phi, Delta Upsilon, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Mu Delta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Lambda Phi, Sigma Chi, Sigma Tau Gamma.*)

From these fifteen organizations, the field was narrowed down to eight that would proceed to the next stage of the selection process. Alpha Chi Rho, Alpha Tau Omega, Chi Phi, Delta Upsilon, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Gamma Delta, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Sigma Chi participated in presentations to the IFC Expansion Committee that concluded on April 8, 2013. At the conclusion, the committee made selections based on 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. At this point, committee determined that long term expansion at WCU would consist of three phases outlined below. The selected organizations all agreed to work collaboratively to evaluate and assess campus culture after each new chapter is established, which could potentially influence a shift in tentative dates listed below. The resulting list for Phase I & II should be viewed as an order of establishment with provisional dates. The Interfraternity Council will re-engage with the inter/national organizations listed in Phase III in the Spring of 2015 after the first two new chapters are established.

Phase I

Pi Kappa Alpha (Fall 2013)
Phi Gamma Delta (*Fall 2014*)

Phase II

Alpha Tau Omega (*Fall 2015*)
Sigma Chi (*Fall 2016*)

Phase III

Delta Upsilon
Lambda Chi Alpha

The Expansion Committee offers special thanks to the fifteen NIC groups who submitted information, especially the eight fraternities who made the investment to travel to campus to provide detailed information to the IFC community. As per IFC Expansion Colonization procedures and guidelines, letters of interest for all participating NIC groups will remain on file indefinitely and used to determine future expansion opportunities.

WCU Interfraternity Council

The purpose of the WCU 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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