Purdue University is home to over 90 fraternities, sororities and cooperative houses. The Interfraternity Council governs 39 men’s fraternities at Purdue. The Multicultural Greek Council governs 13 multicultural fraternities and sororities. The National Pan-Hellenic Council governs 9 historically African-American fraternities and sororities at Purdue. The Panhellenic Association governs 21 women’s sororities. The 12 men’s and women’s cooperative houses are governed by the Purdue Cooperative Council.

Our community GPA is consistently higher than the all undergraduate GPA.

We raised over $750,000 for charitable organizations last year—$759,334 to be exact.

We gave more than 79,610 hours of our time to the local community through service.

We graduate over 60% of our members in four years and over 90% of our members in five years. (compared to non-affiliated rates of near 50% and over 70%)

*Note that these numbers are pulled from the graduation data pulled in January 2016 from Cognos.

We retain first semester students at a higher rate than non-affiliated students (96% compared to 93%)

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Since 1875 Purdue University’s West Lafayette campus has been host to fraternities and sororities. Today, Purdue boasts one of the nation’s largest Fraternity and Sorority Communities, with over 6,200 students holding membership in over 80 organizations. About 20% of Purdue’s undergraduates are members of a fraternity or sorority. Cooperative houses have been a Purdue tradition for more than 75 years as well. With almost 400 members the community, cooperative houses continue to thrive as an integral part of many students’ experiences offering affordable housing and leadership development.

Fraternity, Sorority and Cooperative Life provides a meaningful co-curricular experience through academic support, leadership development, civic engagement and organizational excellence. Our vision is to foster an inclusive living and learning experience conducive to student success, safety and holistic development.

What is fraternity and sorority life? What is a cooperative?

Fraternities and sororities are values-based organizations that provide friendship, academic support, opportunities for civic engagement, and leadership development for many college students. Fraternities and sororities have been a part of Purdue’s student life for more than a century, and the Greek community continues to grow today. Cooperatives are a unique experience at Purdue University. While other cooperatives do exist Purdue’s cooperative housing community offers a distinct combination of student organization, affordable living, and community.

How can a student join a fraternity, sorority, or cooperative?

Students go through a recruitment or intake process to join a fraternity, sorority, or cooperative. This process varies by council and by organization. You can learn more at www.purdue.edu/fscl. Once a student has decided to join an organization, they will go through a new member education or intake process. During this time, the student learns about the history, traditions, and values of the organization. At the end of the new member education period, the new members are initiated into the organization.

What is the role of a parent or family member?

Be supportive of your student. Learn more about the organizations your student is thinking about joining, and don’t be afraid to ask questions. Explore www.purdue.edu/fscl for more information about, and check out the the websites of the organizations your student is considering joining. Feel free to call the Fraternity, Sorority, and Cooperative Life office at (765) 494-5990 if you have more questions.