

By the NUMBERS

To make an informed decision, you should understand some of the statistics that tell the story of our Community.

- Our community GPA has surpassed the all undergraduate GPA for 11 consecutive semesters.
- We raised over \$970,000 for charitable organizations last year—\$974,036 to be exact.
- We gave more than 98,415 hours of our time to the local community through service.
- We graduate 67% of our members in four years and 91% of our members in five years. (Compared to non-affiliated rates of 60% and 81%)*

*Note that these numbers are pulled from the graduation data pulled in January 2019 from Cognos.

- We retain first semester students at a higher rate than non-affiliated students. (99.1% compared to 97.8%)*

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Welcome **BOILERMAKER** **FAMILIES**

With over 90 organizations and more than 6,500 members, Purdue has one of the largest fraternity, sorority and cooperative communities in the country, with fraternity, sorority, and cooperative men and women making up about 20 percent of the undergraduate students.

Purdue's fraternities and sororities are grouped into five groups: Cooperative Housing, Interfraternity Council (IFC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and Panhellenic Association. Purdue University is home to 11 cooperative houses and more than 80 fraternities and sororities. The Interfraternity Council governs 40 men's fraternities at Purdue. The Multicultural Greek Council governs 10 multicultural fraternities and sororities. The National Pan-Hellenic Council governs 7 historically African-American fraternities and sororities at Purdue. The Panhellenic Association governs 21 women's fraternities and sororities. The 11 cooperative houses are governed by the Purdue Cooperative Council.

Most parents and family members have questions when their students express interest in joining a fraternity, sorority or cooperative. Below are some of the most frequently asked questions we receive from families of students and their answers. Of course, if you have a question and don't see the answers you're looking for here, reach out to us at the Office of Fraternity, Sorority & Cooperative Life.

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 this website for more information about Purdue Fraternity, Sorority and Cooperative Life, and check out the websites of the local, inter/national organizations your student is considering joining. We encourage all students, parents and families to be good consumers and do their research before joining an organization. To learn more about the FSCL organizations, check out the semester reports at: <https://www.purdue.edu/fscl/resources/reports.html> Feel free to call the Fraternity, Sorority, and Cooperative Life office at (765) 494-5990 if you have more questions.

WHAT IS TIME COMMITMENT?

Cooperative/fraternity/sorority membership is a significant time commitment. Members are typically expected to attend a weekly house/chapter meeting, as well as several special events each year (such as recruitment, philanthropy events, and Initiation ceremonies). Members can choose to take on leadership roles that require further time commitments, and they can also choose to participate in a variety of optional activities like social functions and intramural sports. Education is the top priority for Purdue students, and classes and exams always take precedence over organization events. Many cooperative/fraternity/sorority members do find time to participate in other student organizations and/or have a job, in addition to the commitments of their organization and being a student.

WHAT IS THE FINANCIAL COMMITMENT?

Organizations collect dues and membership fees or house bills from every member. Most groups have one-time initiation fees, plus semester or monthly dues. Dues are spent on philanthropic events, social events, scholarship programming, membership recruitment, and parent/alumni programming. Most organizations offer payment plans and scholarships to help their members meet their financial obligations. For more information about the costs associated with a fraternity, sorority, or cooperative, please consult our Annual Cost Report available at www.purdue.edu/fscl in the FAQ section.

WHAT ABOUT HAZING?

Hazing is contrary to the missions and values of fraternities and sororities and a violation of Purdue policy. The state of Indiana, Purdue University, and all cooperatives, inter/national fraternities and sororities have policies against hazing. See Purdue University's policy against hazing at purdue.edu. Additionally, Purdue publishes the conduct history of our student organizations. If you are concerned that hazing may be happening, please report it. You may report it though an Incident Report which goes directly to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

HOW CAN MY STUDENT JOIN?

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 in the Recruitment section and by visiting each council's page at purdue.edu/fscl. Once a student has gone through recruitment and decided to join an organization, the student 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.

