What is a sorority?
A sorority is a group of women joined together in the bonds of friendship and sisterhood for leadership, social, and academic purposes. The College Panhellenic Association governs the three National Panhellenic Sororities at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Why Join a Sorority?
The benefits of sorority membership are bountiful. A sorority can provide a “home away from home” at a large campus. Sorority sisters build bonds that last throughout college and, for many, throughout their lives. Sorority women participate in Philanthropic events and well as Community Service projects. There are many leadership opportunities available through sorority membership – through the University and undergraduate chapter, as well as the National Organization.

What is the College Panhellenic Association?
The Panhellenic Association is the Governing Body for the three Panhellenic Sororities on campus. The Panhellenic Executive Board is comprised of members from different Sororities who work together to promote and foster communication and positive relations and to improve Greek Life at FGCU.

Stages of Membership:
Potential New Member – a college woman who is participating in formal recruitment.
New Member – a woman who has accepted the bid offered by a sorority and has taken the first steps toward full membership.
Active – an undergraduate initiated member of a sorority who has completed all the new member requirements and is in good standing with the organization.
Alumni – initiated member of a sorority who has graduated from college.

What is Recruitment?
Recruitment is the period when women interested in the possibility of joining a sorority visit the different sororities and decides which one is right for her. All women participating in Recruitment must have a minimum 2.5 overall grade point average. Individual chapters may have their own minimum grade point average requirement. There are two recruitment periods – formal and informal:

Formal Recruitment – a series of events hosted by each sorority during a period early in the Fall semester which is scheduled and organized by the Panhellenic Association. There is generally a registration fee associated with the Formal Recruitment process.

Informal Recruitment – any recruitment events hosted by a specific sorority outside of the formal recruitment period.

2009 Formal Recruitment:
2009 Formal Recruitment begins on Monday, August 31 with a Mandatory Orientation Sessions and concludes on Sunday, September 6 with the Bid Day Celebration. On-line registration registration will be available beginning June 1, 2009. Check the FGCU Panhellenic Website (http://studentservices.fgcu.edu/Panhellenic/index.html) for further information and to access the Formal Recruitment Registration Link!

Sororities at Florida Gulf Coast University

Delta Delta Delta (ΔΔΔ)
Nickname: Tri Delta
Chapter: Epsilon Alpha
National Founding: November 1888 at Boston University
FGCU Founding: October 2003
Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA)
Nickname: Zeta
Chapter: Kappa Tau
National Founding: October 1898 at Longwood University
FGCU Founding: April 2004
Colors: Turquoise & Gray
Symbol: Crown
Flower: White Violet
Mascot: Strawberry/Flamingo
Philanthropy: Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation

Chi Omega (XΩ)
Nickname: Chi-O
Chapter: Pi Mu
National Founding: April 1895 at the University of Arkansas
FGCU Founding: November 2007
Colors: Cardinal & Straw
Symbol: Skull & Crossbones
Flower: White Carnation
Mascot: Owl
Philanthropy: Make a Wish Foundation

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