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Expanding Greek Horizons

We are excited to welcome two new organizations to our community this semester. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. recently recolonized this spring with eleven new members. Founded on January 13, 1913 at Howard University, Delta Sigma Theta was established to promote academic excellence and provide assistance to those in need. Delta Sigma Theta is the largest African-American Greek-letter organization in the United States. They have a strong emphasis on public service and have supported community organizations such as Habitat for Humanity. Their open motto is, “Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom.” Delta Sigma Theta is a member of the Divine Nine and will become the fifth member of the National Pan-Hellenic Council here at Florida Gulf Coast University.

We have also added Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. to the Fraternity & Sorority Life community this spring. Theta Nu Xi colonized this semester with five undergraduate members. Theta Nu Xi was founded on April 11, 1997 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Theta Nu Xi was built upon the ideals of scholarship, service, sisterhood, leadership, and multiculturalism. Their motto is, “Sisters of diversity together as ONE!” Theta Nu Xi belongs to the National Multicultural Greek Council and will join the local Multicultural Greek Council at Florida Gulf Coast University this fall.

Greek Programming Council

The Greek Programming Council wrapped up a year of Leadership Development workshops geared toward the Fraternity and Sorority Life community.

Eight workshops were held throughout the year to provide students with information and skills to help them both academically and socially. Topics included Alcohol Wellness, Personal Goal Setting, Hazing, Preparation for Final Exams, Driving under the Influence, Sexual Assault Awareness, Nutrition, and Resume Preparation.

Overall, the Greek Programming Council Leadership Development Series was very successful. Post-workshop evaluations indicated that student were satisfied to very satisfied with each workshop and found the topics to be relevant to their college experience. Feedback received from these sessions will be used to plan future workshops to improve the Fraternity and Sorority community.
**Event Highlight**

**PB staff with Nev Shulman for MTV's CatFish**

This past semester, the FGCU Programming Board brought Nev Shulman from MTV’s Catfish to campus. Nev talked about his life before and after Catfish, and how he turned a negative situation into a positive one, by starting the TV series “Catfish.”

**PB staff with Bill Rosemann, an editor for Marvel Comics**

Nev Shulman’s event is one of the many lectures we hold on campus every year; including others such as Bill Rosemann, an editor for Marvel Comics, and also collaborating with the Department of Leadership Development on campus to bring FGCU’s first TEDTalk.

**Our New Board**

The 2014-2015 PB Executive Board was elected this past April. The members of the board are as follows: President- Jessica Williams; Vice President- Ansley Parish; Director of Concerts- Bill Polin; Director of Lectures- Jonathan Schmidt; Director of Special Events- Mary Ninesling; Director of Traditions- Jenna Gillan; Director of Late Night- Shelby Borisman; Director of Comedy- Nicholas Valderossa; Director of Live Entertainment- Emily Goldstein; Director of Promotions- Nicolas Tavel; Director of Marketing- Tiana Smith.

We look forward to working with this amazing group of students during the upcoming year!

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### Spring Involvement Fair

This semester, Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) grew in size and presence on our campus. We kicked the semester off with the Spring Involvement Fair which featured over 70 RSOs showcasing their opportunities to get involved in the campus community. The Fall Involvement Fair is already set for Wednesday, August 20th from 11am – 2pm in the Cohen Center Ballrooms – be on the lookout for how to sign up!

### RSO Advisory Council

The RSO Advisory Council is the newest group of student leaders responsible for creating programs and having a voice for the implementation of policies that affect RSOs. This semester, the structure of the council changed to accommodate the needs of the university to include different positions such as a Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Event Planning Coordinator, RSO Registration Coordinator, and many more. There are still positions needing to be filled – if you know any students who may be interested in joining the Council please contact Sendi Colquitt at sclquitt@fgcu.edu.

### Purchasing and Off-Campus Banking

RSO Cash Accounts have transitioned to off-campus bank accounts. This is an opportunity for students to practice fiscally responsible habits to support the programmatic efforts of their organization (i.e. balancing a checkbook, establishing open and honest communication about financial transactions). Information on opening an off-campus bank account can be found on the Office of Student Involvement website.

### Leadership and Involvement Awards

Many RSOs were nominated for awards at the annual Dean of Students’ Office Leadership and Involvement Awards Celebration that took place on Monday, April 21st, 2014. The following organizations were recognized for their achievements this past year:

- **RSO of the Year** – Food Foresters
- **New RSO of the Year** – Students Promoting Industrial Organizational Psychology
- **Advisor of the Year** – Dr. Kris De Welde (Gender Equality Organization)
- **Emerging Leader of the Year** – Antwon Lindsey (Black Student Alliance)
- **Multicultural Program of the Year** – Dominican Republic Outreach Program
- **Alternative Spring Break Trip**
- **Outstanding Service** – Dance Marathon
- **President of the Year** – Madina Behori (Dominican Republic Outreach Program) and Dawn Larison (Gender Equality Organization)
- **LEAD Team Organizational Improvement Award** – Students for Children

Students Promoting Industrial Organizational Psychology (SPIOP) won for New RSO of the Year.

Last but not least, our graduate assistant Katie Sanders, graduated with her Master’s Degree in History on May 10th. We appreciated all of her hard work, patience, and dedication to student organizations and the Office of Student Involvement!