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## United Greek Council

### Your Guide to Fraternity & Sorority Life at CSUDH



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# WELCOME!

## Congratulations on your decision to become a Toro!

ON BEHALF OF the fraternity and sorority community, we would like to welcome you to CSU, Dominguez Hills! At a university of this size, the number of opportunities for campus involvement can be overwhelming.

Our fraternity and sorority community allows members the chance to become involved on and off campus through philanthropy, career opportunities, academics and leadership development – all while building intentional relationships and getting connected. Regardless of how far you will travel to Carson, your chosen organization will be your home away from home, just as your newfound brothers or sisters will become family.

For these reasons, joining our fraternity and sorority community has the potential to be one of the best decisions you will make in college

Fraternity men and sorority women have been part of the long-standing tradition at CSUDH since the first sorority was established in 1984. Should you choose to become a member of one of our organizations, you will be able to follow in the footsteps of the countless accomplished fraternity men and sorority women who came before you. Our community was founded on the values of scholarship, leadership, friendship and service; our members strive to live out these values each day.

Your time spent at CSUDH will be among the best years of your life, and we hope this guide will provide you with a small glimpse into all the ways fraternity and sorority life can enhance your experience.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

Go Toros!

**Troy R. Bartels**

**Fraternity & Sorority  
Life Coordinator**



# BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

**Community** One of the most important aspects of joining a fraternity or sorority is the bond of brotherhood and sisterhood. It is often said that we have many chapters within the United Greek Council, but we are one #ToroNation. This community within Fraternity and Sorority Life creates a sense of belonging and unity within members of each chapter as well as the overall population. Joining an organization will open connections to the hundreds of active members on campus as well as alumni from all over the world. Membership does not stop after graduation! Your membership experience continues for life through mentoring, advising, or membership in a graduate chapter.

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**Personal Growth** Another important aspect of joining a sorority or fraternity is becoming a better person through values based education, connections, service, and leadership. Chapters have the opportunity to support their members holistically through their collegiate journey while preparing them for life after graduation. Within our community, members have the ability to grow their intellectual, emotional, social, physical, creative, and leadership potentials

# NETWORKING

The top priorities for any college student is school and employment after graduation. By joining a chapter, you are also joining an international organization that has alumni all over the world. Through chapter engagement and relationship building, students can learn about shared experiences, industry knowledge, and opportunities that can lead to internships/co-ops that result in full-time employment!



# SERVICE

Being a Toro means something special at CSUDH. All of our chapters have local and national partner organizations that their members donate time and resources toward. Over the last year, our chapters have donated countless hours of service and nearly ten thousand dollars towards philanthropic causes such as The Compton Initiative, Literacy Grams, Adopt-A-School, Wounded Warrior Project, Feeding America, and Operation BigBookBag to name a few.



# SOCIAL

Our community at CSU, Dominguez Hills provides a wide selection of social activities and programs for its members. These events include sisterhood and brotherhood events, social events with other organizations, tailgates during football weekends, or exploring Los Angeles with friends! Beyond this, our members take part in campus-sponsored activities and traditions like ASI's Halloween Haunt, Homecoming, Toro Welcome, and the Greek Showcase. Friendship and siblinghood is a foundational item to all of our chapters; we work hard to promote positive and healthy relationships within each chapter and the community!





# ACADEMICS

Succeeding in the classroom is important for every member in our fraternity and sorority community. All of our organizations have minimum GPA requirements for joining and for remaining a member in good standing. Our organizations offer academic support such as study hours, study groups by majors, junior and senior mentorship, and connections to alumni for opportunities such as internships and practicums. The fraternity and sorority community consistently has a higher average GPA than those not affiliated with a Greek organization and we are proud to keep that tradition going.



## ORDER OF OMEGA

HONORING GREEK LEADERS SINCE 1959

Honoring the top 3% of Greek leaders and scholars at CSU, Dominguez Hills, Order of Omega is a leadership honor society for members of our fraternities and sororities. Founded on October 22, 2010, the Chi Theta Chapter of Order of Omega recognizes upperclassmen who have exemplified high standards in the areas of scholarship, leadership, and involvement within their respective organization, on campus, and within the local community. Members share the common goal of recognizing and supporting the many outstanding student leaders at their institution. This chapter has initiated over 100 members of the Toro family.



# REQUIREMENTS & EXPECTATIONS

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### FINANCIAL

Most organizations have one-time expenses such as a new member and/or initiation fees. Recurring expenses can include chapter dues, which go toward chapter programming, operating expenses, brotherhood/sisterhood events, conferences and socials. These dues could be based on monthly, semesterly, or yearly. The total cost, collection time period, payment plans, and optional/required payments will typically vary depending on the chapter you join.

#### **QUICK FACTS:**

On average, new member costs for the first semester:

UGC Chapters: \$325

Divine 9 Orgs: \$1,500

*Make sure to save left over financial aid for your fees.*

### ACADEMIC

## UNITED GREEK COUNCIL



All participants in the recruitment or intake process for the United Greek Council must be undergraduate students enrolled at CSUDH. Students taking part in the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) are not eligible to participate in recruitment/intake until their sophomore year.

The University requires a 2.3 prior semester and a 2.3 CUM GPA. Individual selection criteria and requirements are determined by each chapter. Grades are determined by high school GPA, transfer cumulative GPA, or most recent college GPA.

Some organizations are allowed to take first-time freshman while others require at least 12 hours of completed course work and a 2.5 GPA in order to be considered for membership. Once initiated, all members of chapters are held to an academic standard determined by each chapter's bylaws.



## FAQS

**CAN A STUDENT ONLY JOIN IN THE SPRING?** Students join our community year-round! Whether you are a first-semester student, transfer student, or upperclassmen, membership in a sorority or fraternity is not limited to a specific year or semester. Not all chapters will take classes of new members each semester, so seeking information on social media, the LEAD Office or current members will better prepare you for joining at your own time. Chapters will typically take at least one new line per academic year, but common recruitment and intake periods will take place at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters.

**WHAT ABOUT HAZING?** According to the Student Code of Conduct, Hazing is “any intentional or reckless act, on or off university-controlled property, by one student, acting alone or with others, which is directed against any other student, which endangers the mental or physical health, safety, or welfare of that student, or which induces or coerces a student to endanger their mental or physical health, safety, or welfare.” Hazing can occur regardless of one’s willingness to participate. Hazing is not tolerated by the university and is in direct violation of the LEAD Office as well as council, chapter, and international organization’s bylaws. Additional information identifying, acting on, preventing, and reporting hazing can be found here: <https://www.csudh.edu/student-conduct/campus-policies/anti-hazing-policy/>

**HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE?** New members/NEOS and active members have the ability to make their experience more impactful by taking on leadership roles, serving on committees, running for elected positions in their chapter, and many other opportunities. These are all options to go above and beyond; however most chapters will require a minimum level of participation to be an active member. These requirements will depend on the chapter, but most will hold weekly meetings for new and active members, ritual ceremonies, and philanthropic/service projects throughout the semester. Events are planned in advance so as to allow time to study, work, and uphold other commitments! Fraternity and Sorority involvement is just one aspect of our members’ collegiate experience; so always remember that you are a student first.



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GREEK  
Alphabet

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Alpha Beta Gamma Delta

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Epsilon Zeta Eta Theta

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Nu Xi Omicron Pi

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Rho Sigma Tau Upsilon

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Phi Chi Psi Omega

DEFINING GREEK LIFE

- **ACTIVE:** an undergraduate member who has been initiated into life-long membership.
- **BADGE/PIN:** worn by new or active members to designate that they are joining or a part of a specific organization.
- **BID:** an invitation to a potential new member to join a sorority or fraternity. **BIG SISTER/BROTHER:** an older member of the chapter who serves as a role model and mentor to a new member or “little sister/brother.”
- **CHAPTER:** the name applied to the local organization of an inter/national fraternity or sorority.
- **CROSSED:** the process of completing the intake process and becoming a full member of a chapter.
- **GREEK LIFE:** also known as “Fraternity & Sorority Life,” Greek Life refers to sororities and fraternities because of their history as Greek-lettered organizations.
- **INITIATION:** the inter/national ritual ceremony through which new members learn the full meaning of their organization, promise to uphold the standards of the organization, and receive life-long membership.
- **INTAKE:** the period of education before initiation when new members learn the history and traditions of their organizations.
- **INTEREST MEETING:** a meeting for potential new members to receive information about and meet members of an organization.
- **LEGACY:** a potential new member who is the sibling, child, nephew/ niece, or grandchild or an active member or alumni of a fraternity or sorority.
- **LINE:** a group of new members in a specific chapter (within a specific semester).
- **NEOPHYTE/NEO:** a term used for new members of an organization.
- **NEW MEMBER PRESENTATION:** an event where newly initiated members of an organization perform routines and reveal themselves to the public after their intake period.
- **PROPHYTE:** a term used for a member who is responsible for educating and mentoring new member(s) in an organization.
- **STEPPING OR YARD SHOW:** a tradition of some of our organizations where routines are performed. A series of complex, synchronous and precise rhythmic movements, typically performed to songs or chants created by member organizations.
- **STROLLING:** precise and synchronized movements performed in unison by members of culturally-based fraternities and sororities
- **UNITED GREEK COUNCIL (UGC):** the governing body of the fraternity and sorority community at CSU, Dominguez Hills.

# WELCOME!

## From The United Greek Council Executive Board

We're so excited for you to join us at **#ToroNation**! As you prepare to begin a new chapter in your life, we would like to encourage you to consider participating in fraternity or sorority recruitment/intake. The CSUDH fraternity and sorority community is proud of its history and equally excited about the future!

Fraternities and sororities at DH are looking for individuals who will contribute to their organizations, the campus, and the greater Los Angeles area.

Being a Toro and a member of one of our 19 organizations means that you balance leadership, social life, and siblinghood. Taking on membership in a chapter gives you a life-long membership that will continuously give back to you if you invest in it.

If you choose to participate in recruitment/ intake you'll learn more about the impact that our 37 years on campus have had on the community, including the influential alumni, student leaders, history of philanthropic donations and acts of service, traditions, and history of being pioneers and change makers.

Making our University and community better for those who come after us is truly what being a Toro is all about. The recruitment or intake process for students interested in sororities and fraternities within each council is outlined in this publication.

We invite you to find your home here at #ToroNation and within our community! Take your time to find the perfect fit for you and remember to always ask questions. Being a member of a sorority or fraternity will make your time in the Southbay more enjoyable! Be sure to utilize the Sorority & Fraternity website ([greeklife.csudh.edu](http://greeklife.csudh.edu)) and follow the most-followed Greek Life account in the country @CSUDH\_ugc on social media for information and resources. Feel free to connect with us as you prepare for your time in Carson or while you're on campus! Go Toros, Go Greek!

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# MEET THE

# GREEKS

## UNITED GREEK COUNCIL

The **United Greek Council** at CSUDH is the governing council for all Greek organizations including culturally-based fraternities and sororities, general organizations, and members of the Divine Nine.

Our goal is to promote culture, enhance personal and professional development, maintain a strong focus on service and provide an emphasis on academic excellence in higher education through programming and collaborative events.

*UGC Fast Facts*

UGC GPA: 2.9

Members: 150

Fraternities: 9

Sororities: 10

## OUR CHAPTERS:

### Black Fraternities and Sororities

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

### Culturally Based Sororities:

- Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc. Latina-based
- Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. Latina-based
- Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc. Latina-based
- Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. Latina-based
- Omega Phi Chi Multicultural Sorority, Inc.
  - *Re-founding Fall 23*
- Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.

### Culturally Based Fraternities:

- Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Latino-based
- Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc. Latino-based
- Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc. Multicultural-based
- Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Latino-based
- Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc. Latino-based

### General Fraternity:

- Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity
  - *Re-founding Fall 23*

# DIVINE NINE

## ORGANIZATIONS

Within the United Greek Council at CSUDH are members of the Divine Nine organizations. CSUDH hosts 7 historically Black fraternities and sororities. These organizations were established during a time when African Americans were denied the rights of equal opportunity in society, including at colleges and universities.

Today, these organizations continue to embrace the ideals of unity, achievement and service to the community. The chapters strive to empower their members and the larger community socially, economically and politically through education and positive, intentional relationships. The opportunity to experience such a genuinely rich tradition and history, while adopting an excellent legacy, makes membership in a D9 organization a great fit for prospective members.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**Involvement Fair: 9/07**

**Greek Showcase: Tuesday, 9/12**

**D9 Week: 9/25 - 9/29**

**D9 101: 9/28**



## HOW TO JOIN:

D9 organizations take new members into their organizations through a process called membership intake. This process is organized by each chapter individually and includes selection of candidates, education about the organization and initiation and full membership. Some will host membership intake every semester or every year. Chapters work with their national organizations to schedule membership intake when it best suits their membership needs.

Students interested in joining any of the D9 organizations are required to attend events during D9 Week. D9 101 is an in-person educational program organized by the council each semester to provide interested students with more information about each chapter, membership intake and the expectations of fraternity and sorority life at CSUDH.



# ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA

Sorority, Inc.

## AKAs

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "service to all mankind."



# DELTA SIGMA THETA

Sorority, Inc.

## Deltas

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is an organization of college educated women committed to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community.



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[dst\\_pichi](https://www.instagram.com/dst_pichi)



# SIGMA GAMMA RHO

Sorority, Inc.

**SG Rhos**

It is the mission of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. to enhance the quality of life for women and their families in the U.S. and globally through community service, civil, and social action. Our goal is to achieve greater progress in the areas of education, health awareness, and leadership development. Our members, affiliates, staff, and community partners work to create and support initiatives that align with our vision.

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# ZETA PHI BETA

Sorority, Inc.

**Zetas**

The purpose of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is to foster the ideas of service, charity, scholarship, civil and cultural endeavors, sisterhood and finer womanhood.



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**majesticmupi**



**dhillsalphas**



**zetamuques**



# ALPHA PHI ALPHA

Fraternity, Inc.

## Alphas

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. develops leaders, promotes brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our communities.



# OMEGA PSI PHI

Fraternity, Inc.

## Omegas or Qs

The purpose of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is to bring about union of college men of similar high ideals of scholarship and manhood in order to stimulate the attainment of ideas and ambitions of its members; occupy a progressive, helpful and constructive place in political life of the community and nation; foster the humanity, freedom and dignity of the individual; and aid downtrodden humanity in its efforts to achieve higher economic and intellectual status.



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# PHI BETA SIGMA

Fraternity, Inc.

## Sigmas

The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma are the Fraternity's most valuable resource and strength. They are the primary means by which the Phi Beta Sigma objectives will be achieved. In order to accomplish the Fraternity's objectives, it is essential that systems are instituted that effectively embody "Culture For Service and Service For Humanity" and promote brotherhood, scholarship and service.



### Below are the steps that best prepare you for the Membership Intake Process:

- Ensure that your GPA is a 2.5 or higher. (Some organizations will require at least a 2.75)
- Get involved on campus. Being in leadership positions will prepare you for membership in a D9 organization.
- Attend events and get to know the members of the organization.
- Keep your resume updated and ensure that it details all relevant leadership and work experience.
- Do community service. Some organizations do require service hours to become a member.
- Be financially sound. Joining a D9 organization is a financial commitment that you will need to prepare for in advance.
- Keep a clean reputation on and off campus.



# CULTURALLY BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Each UGC organization accepts potential new members through a new member education process. Some UGC organizations start off with a series of events known as Rush or Recruitment Week and others host Informational or Interest Meetings.

Rush/Recruitment is an informal week of educational, social, and service-related activities to get to know members and learn more about one organization of interest. At the end of an organization's rush period, they extend opportunities to selected individuals who meet the requirements of UGC and its national organization to pursue membership. Informational Meetings allow for individuals to find out general information about said organization and Interest Meetings are formal meetings for those who are interested in moving forward with membership.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**Recruitment Tabling: 8/28 - 8/31**

**Involvement Fair: 9/07**

**Greek Showcase: 9/12**

**BBQ @ Housing: 9/20**



## HOW TO JOIN:

After recruitment/intake, there is a period of membership education that can vary in length depending on the organization but will last no longer than eight weeks. Following this period, members will initiate into their organizations (often referred to as “crossing”) and participate in some sort of “reveal” or “new member presentation” in which members are recognized and unveiled to the university community.





# KAPPA DELTA CHI

Sorority, Inc.

**KD Chis**

The Purpose of Kappa Delta Chi is to promote the values of Unity, Honesty, Integrity and Leadership among women at colleges and universities.



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# LAMBDA THETA ALPHA

Latin Sorority, Inc.

**LTA's**

The purpose of Lambda Theta Alpha shall be to provide a sisterhood based on unity, love and respect in an effort to foster the development of strong leaders who will then provide and practice political, social and cultural activities.



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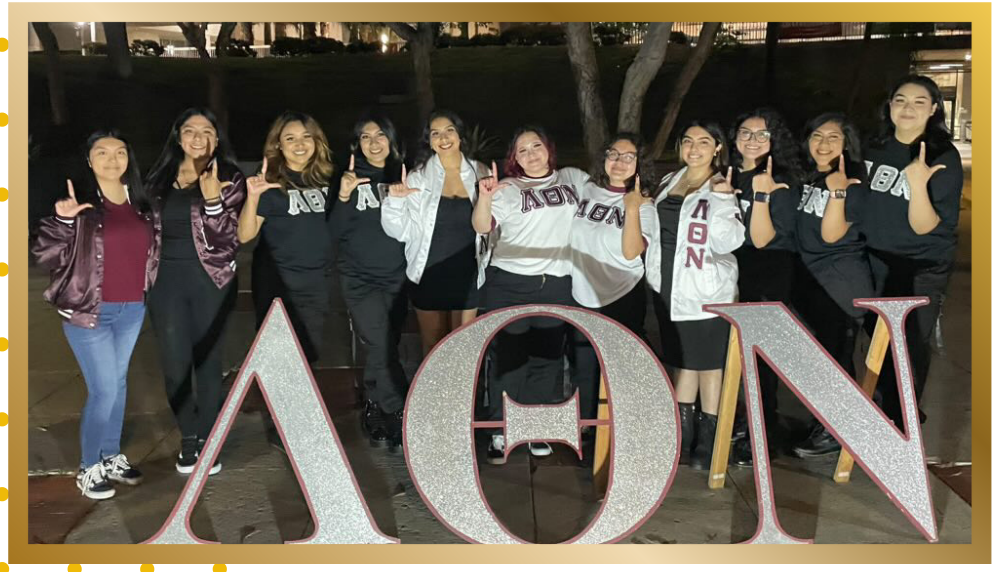


# LAMBDA THETA NU

Sorority, Inc.

**Silver Roses**

The purpose of Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. shall be to open doors of opportunity to the Latinas in our community. The primary focus is academic excellence and meeting the needs of Latina women in higher education.



**alpharholambdas86**



# OMEGA PHI CHI

Multicultural Sorority, Inc.

**OPCs**

The overall purpose of Omega Phi Chi is to generate unity among all women. We believe that we can promote ethnic diversity by integrating women across all boundaries and cultures.



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# HERMANDAD DE SIGMA IOTA ALPHA, INCORPORADA

## SIAs

As Hermanas of Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha Inc., our mission is to uphold the goals set forth by our thirteen founding mothers. We pledge to formalize, cultivate, and foster bonds amongst each other as sisters and abide by respect, trust, communication, professionalism, and accountability.



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# SIGMA LAMBDA GAMMA

National Sorority, Inc.

## "Girl" Gammas

The purpose of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. shall be primarily one of promoting standards of excellence in morality, ethics, and education. Further, the sorority should work to better serve the needs and wants of all people by disseminating information about the diverse culture which we all share.



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**toro.gammas**



# GAMMA ZETA ALPHA

Fraternity, Inc.

## Gammas

The Mission of Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity Inc., a not for profit corporation built on the foundation of respect and brotherhood, is to establish and promote a nurturing environment at the university level and beyond, through academic excellence, community service, and celebration of our diverse Latino culture.



**ba\_lambdas**



# LAMBDA THETA PHI

Latin Fraternity, Inc.

## Lambdas

The mission of Lambda Theta Phi is to empower the Latin male through scholarship, Brotherhood, opportunity and protection of identity and equality.



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**aephiotas**



# OMEGA DELTA PHI

Fraternity, Inc.

## OD Phis

The purpose of this Brotherhood, a Service/Social fraternity dedicated to the needs and concerns of the community, is and shall be to promote and maintain the traditional values of Unity, Honesty, Integrity, and Leadership. This Brotherhood was founded in order to provide, to ANY man, a diverse fraternal experience which coincides with a higher education.



# PHI IOTA ALPHA

Fraternity, Inc.

## Phiotas

Our Mission is to develop leaders and create innovative ways to unite the Latino Community. Our fraternity's roots extend from the late 19th century to the first Latino fraternity and the first Latino student organization in the United States.



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## NEW GENERAL FRATERNITY



**caphitheta**



# SIGMA LAMBDA BETA

International Fraternity, Inc.

## Betas

Sigma Lambda Beta's mission is to nurture and further a dynamic, values-based environment that utilizes our historically Latino-based fraternity as a catalyst to better serve the needs and wants of all people.



# PHI KAPPA THETA

Fraternity

## Phi Kaps

Do you know a CSUDH student who could benefit from finding more like-minded men? Men who work together for the common good, no matter what that might be? Men who seek to “give expecting nothing thereof,” day in, and day out? Men who create bonds that follow them after graduation? If you do, we want to meet them! DM our IG.



## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

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Involvement Fair  
Thursday, 09/07

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Greek BBQ @ Housing  
Wednesday, 09/20

D9 Week  
09/25 - 09/29



Make sure to fill out the Interest Form at [greeklife.csudh.edu](http://greeklife.csudh.edu) to be on our mailing list!