Fraternity and Sorority Life

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A fraternity is an association of men, selected in the college by democratic processes, because of the adherence to common ideals and aspirations. Out of their association arises a personal relation which makes them unselfishly seek to advance one another in the arts id life and to add, to the formal instruction of the college curriculum, the culture and character which men acquire by contact with great personalities, or when admitted to partnership in great traditions." (Newton Baker, The Purple Pilgrim, Manual of Phi Gamma Delta)

The first Greek letter organization, Phi Beta Kappa, was founded at the college of William and Mary in 1776. The fraternity was founded as a society with the purpose of openly discussion the ideas and views of the time without the supervision of the faculty. According to Baird's Manual, the preeminent historical account and "encyclopedia" of Greek life, "Inevitably, what had begun as shared yearning for a livelier life if the mind grew into a broader fellowship? Intellectual pastimes persisted at the center of fraternity life until nearly the end of the nineteenth century: orations, debates, the reading of original poems as well as scientific and scholarly papers" (Baird's Manual. Pp.1-11).

Greek organizations members ideally espouse to be model citizens of the campus. Universities long have supported the Greek movement given the direct relationship between mission of higher education and the purpose and espoused values of the college and fraternity. The shared or common mission of higher education institutions and fraternal organizations is to prepare students for responsible citizenship. Inter/national Greek organizations have recognized that to be effective and valued members of the community, they must work in partnership with the institution. Both entities prosper when the values and principles for which Greek groups were established are realized.

These same principles are used to describe a "Sorority".

Below is a listing of the historically black fraternities and sororities the Delaware State University has on campus. All fraternities and sororities must adhere to Delaware State University, and OSLA policies and procedures. All policies and procedures are subject to change.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.	
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.	
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.	

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.	
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc	
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.	
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.	
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.	
Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.	

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