Fraternity and Sorority Life at Middle Tennessee State University
The results of the research indicated that fraternity and sorority members were:

- significantly more engaged than non-members,
- reported greater gains in learning, and
- were more satisfied with their college experiences

Fraternity and sorority members are more likely than all other college graduates to be thriving in each of the five elements of well-being (purpose, social, financial, community, and physical). Alumni who were members of a fraternity or sorority exhibit higher emotional attachment to their alma mater.
Other National FSL Trends

• Lower enrollment numbers are affecting FSL chapter sizes
• Abolish Greek Life Movement
• Hazing Continues
• Data indicates that FSL members are more likely to engage in high risk behaviors (i.e. alcohol intake) than non-members
• National policies are changing to make FSL membership more accessible.
MTSU Fraternity and Sorority Life Overview

• 24 chapters – 10 sororities and 14 fraternities
  • Panhellenic – 6 chapters
  • NPHC – 7 chapters
  • IFC – 11 chapters

• Shared Values:
  • Leadership
  • Service
  • Scholarship
  • Friendship
  • Social Success/Responsibility
MTSU Fraternity and Sorority Life Challenges

• Competing priorities for time and costs
• Students enter MTSU with more and more college credits, impacting the ability of a group to retain a member for 4 years.
• The newest classes of members seem to be more willing to engage in high-risk behaviors post-COVID.
  • Additional education and accountability measures
  • Recent Conduct Case example
• Enrollment numbers have a direct impact on FSL sizes chapter sizes and ability to fill houses.
MTSU Fraternity and Sorority Life Successes

• 16% increase in membership between Fall 2015 and Fall 2019.
• Installed 10 plaques on the Student Union Commons representing the NPHC
• Sorority women continue to out pace unaffiliated women with regard to GPA. Fraternity men have done the same with the exception of the Fall 2021 semester.
• Increased focus on DEI education in 2021.
• The Office of FSL continues to be fully staffed with two full-time professionals and one part time student worker.
  • Will welcome Dominic Summerhill from the University of North Alabama, Alpha Phi Alpha alumnus, this month.
Questions?

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