2014 Panhellenic Recruitment Schedule
www.bscpanhellenic.org

Wednesday, August 27
7:00PM
Norton Theater
Sorority Information Meeting

Thursday, September 11
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Icebreaker Parties

Friday, September 12
5:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Values Parties

Saturday, September 13
4:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Preferential Parties

Sunday, September 14
2:30 PM
Issuing of Membership Invitation Bids
Parents are encouraged to attend

Purpose
The Panhellenic Code of Ethics shall encourage in thought, word, and deed the upholding of truth, dignity, mutual respect, and the Panhellenic spirit by all of our sorority chapters and their members. We agree that these principles should never be sacrificed for the advancement of the individual sororities.

Please read more online at www.bscpanhellenic.org.

Your complete guide to BSC Sororities!

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The Panhellenic Creed

We, as Undergraduate members of women’s fraternities, stand for good scholarship, for guarding of good health, for maintenance of fine standards, and for serving, to the best of our ability, our college community. Cooperation for furthering fraternity life, in harmony with its best possibilities, is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, as Fraternity Women, stand for service through the development of character inspired by the close contact and deep friendship of individual fraternity and Panhellenic life. The opportunity for wide and wise human service, through mutual respect and helpfulness, is the tenet by which we strive to live.
family member in the same sorority is special, and one that sororities encourage. However, a legacy connection does not guarantee that a woman will be chosen to be a member of her family member’s sorority. She will be chosen based on her own merits. A legacy should look closely at every chapter on campus to find the best match for her even if it differs from her family member’s sorority.

How do you decide which sorority to join?
Membership is voluntary and a matter of mutual choice. You will not have to make a final decision until you have gotten to know all the sororities on campus. You should keep an open mind through the Recruitment process and choose a sorority that best fits you.

How do you join?
The process that a sorority uses to invite Potential New Members into membership is completely confidential. The order of your preferences for sororities is matched with the order of the sororities’ preferences. Through this system of mutual selection, bids are issued and Potential New Members can become new members. You will only be issued one bid to join one sorority. Each year, a sorority is limited in its total membership and its total number of new members. This is called “quota” and it is determined based on the total number of Potential New Members that participate in Recruitment at BSC.

Will all of the Potential New Members join at the end of Formal Recruitment?
Since Formal Recruitment is a process of mutual selection, both on the part of the sororities and the Potential New Members, not everyone who participates will join. Participation in Recruitment does not ensure that you will want to join a sorority or that you will be asked to join. Preferential bidding is doubly selective—the group has to select the individual and the individual has to select the group. We believe that you could be happy with any of the groups on our campus.

What are the responsibilities of a member?
As a member of a sorority, you will contribute your time and talents to make the chapter successful. You will represent your sorority and you will be expected to maintain the high standards that your sorority has established. Each person who becomes a new member goes through a new member education program. Once you have fulfilled the sorority’s requirements (such as learning the history of the sorority and obtaining a specified Grade Point Average), you will be initiated as an active member. Once a person is initiated, she cannot join another national sorority. If you decide not to become a member before you are initiated, you will be required to wait a full calendar year before joining another sorority on campus.

FAQ’s about panhellenic recruitment

How should you approach Recruitment?
Be natural and be yourself. Talk about yourself and share who you are along with your interests. Keep in mind, every sorority woman went through the Recruitment process, and each of them understands what it means to be a Potential New Member. If you have any questions, do not be afraid to ask. You should attend all parties you are invited to, be prompt, stay until the end of the party, relax, and enjoy yourself!

Where do I find information on the Recruitment rules?
The Panhellenic Council has Recruitment rules that ensure equal consideration to all Potential New Members as well as the sororities. You should familiarize yourself with the Recruitment Rules which are located on our website www.bscpanhellenic.org. Sorority members and Potential New Members are obligated to abide by these rules and maintain ethical standards. Questions concerning the rules and possible violations should be reported as soon as possible to your Recruitment Counselor “Rho Gamma,” a Panhellenic Officer, or a Panhellenic Advisor.

What do sororities look for in members?
This is similar to asking, “What do you look for in your friends?” You look for friends you connect with, who enrich your life, and support you.

Formal membership selection varies somewhat from sorority to sorority based on their national policies and chapter bylaws. Panhellenic has no input in their selection processes or their qualifications for membership. The selection process begins before Recruitment actually starts. Sororities review Potential New Member information such as Grade Point Average, high school extracurricular activities, and interests before Recruitment begins. Formal membership selection does not commence until after the first parties are held. Remember, a sorority not only has to select new members but also an entire new member class.

What does it mean to be a legacy?
Legacy is another term for a woman whose mother, grandmother, or sister is an initiated member of a sorority. The bond of having a