

FRIENDSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP SERVICE

The Panhellenic Council of Santa Clara, CA (Santa Clara Panhellenic) is the governing bodies of 3 international women's fraternities, frequently referred to as sororities, within the Santa Clara community:



Alpha Phi - ΑΦ
nickname: A-Phi



Delta Gamma - ΔΓ
nickname: DG











Kappa Alpha Theta - ΚΑΘ
nickname: Theta

All of these women's fraternities were founded on basic principles of high social and intellectual standards. The chapters in Santa Clara still uphold these founding ideals. Membership in a women's fraternity provides lifelong opportunities for personal development:

- **Friendship** and support
- **Leadership** development
- **Scholarship** and academic achievement
- **Service** and philanthropic opportunities

You may have heard the *stereotypes* associated with Greek members, but here are some of the *facts*:

-  Greek organizations have the largest and most visible values-based organizations on campuses.
-  Greek organizations have the most successful leadership development programs for college students.

-  Greek membership increases college retention rates.
-  Women involved in a sorority are more likely to be involved with campus activities.
-  Women involved in a sorority are more likely to have a higher GPA.
-  Members of sororities are more likely to be involved in philanthropic events - The Greek chapters in Santa Clara typically raise over \$25,000 per year for charitable causes.
-  Sorority members rated their college social experience higher than non-members.
-  Sorority graduate members are significantly more active (through both volunteering and financial giving) in religious and civic organizations and invest their time and energy to improve the quality of life in their communities.

Q: What are the benefits of sorority membership that my daughter could not gain from another set of close friends?

A: There are numerous advantages of sorority membership in addition to the deep, long-lasting bonds that you will develop.

1) Academic support - sororities offer a host of academic support such as study workshops and resources, quiet study areas, study programs for members below the chapter's required GPA, local and national recognition for scholastic achievement, and scholarships.

2) Philanthropic involvement - members positively impact the local and broader community by participating in both fundraising and involvement events for multiple charities and community service projects.

3) Leadership development - opportunities for leadership development in a supportive

environment, building practical skills and self confidence along the way.

4) Personal development - membership in a sorority is a living and learning experience for women with shared values and objectives. Your daughter will have the opportunity to be involved in a wide range of activities where she can use her unique talents and knowledge to contribute to the chapter.

5) Social development - learn the skills for comfortable conversation and etiquette.

6) Financial assistance – all sororities offer scholarships, loans and other financial aid to members.


7) Networking - sorority membership does not stop with college graduation, it continues throughout the professional years. Through alumnae associations, you can network with other sorority members across the nation.

Q: What is the cost of membership?

A: The individual cost of membership varies slightly group by group. This cost will include new member fees, local and national dues, initiation/badge fees, and housing fees. Each group will provide a statement of membership costs during Formal Membership Recruitment.

Q: What are the alcohol/substance abuse and hazing policies?

A: All sororities insist that their members follow all federal, state, and local laws concerning alcohol and illegal substances. In addition, both Panhellenic and the individual chapters sponsor alcohol awareness educational events and alcohol-free events.

-  All sorority houses ban alcohol and controlled substances on the premises.