Back to School!

Every alum knows that the opening events of September are a great chance to reconvene with the friends you’ve missed, and for freshmen to learn about each chapter here at URI.

First Night was a success, as IFC and Panhel held a table to inform potential new members about what Greek Life as a whole stands for, and register individuals for recruitment. The next morning Freek Day boasted a lively crowd, as freshmen were able to speak with every chapter while enjoying the music, games, and food.

After freshmen settled into their first classes, the sororities began recruitment and fraternities began hosting events on GreekLink. Read more about our new Fraternity Orientation, and our Sorority Bid Day on pages two and three!
**Greeks of the Week**

**Benjamin Ratier**

"For me, Greek life is all about the relationships you have the opportunity to build. Not only have I gotten incredibly close with the brothers of my own fraternity but with members of other Greek organizations as well. Joining a fraternity really has set me up with friendships for life."

**Elena Muniz**

From the Panhellenic side of our community is our Greek of the Week Elena Muniz, the VP of Recruitment and Public Relations on the Panhellenic Council. Elena just finished hosting our formal fall recruitment process, and we couldn’t be more proud of all she's done! Elena has not only served as our VP but as Delta Zeta’s Panhellenic Delegate, and Risk Manager. She then started her role on the Panhellenic Council as the Recruitment Chair, preparing her for her role as the VP this year. Elena remarks that the leadership opportunities Greek Life has provided for her, have not only made her a better leader, but a better student as well. We can’t wait to see what she will do next!

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**Panhel Week**

This year our very own Vice President of Philanthropy and Service on the Panhellenic Council, Jordan Broadbrent, has created a week to celebrate our sisterhood called Panhel Week. This semester, from October 22 to the 28th, we will be celebrating our sisterhood as a community. Every sorority will have a chance to showcase an event for their other Panhellenic sisters.

The idea behind this week was to bring our community closer together, and raise each other up by supporting one another. We can’t wait to see this week unfold, and for all our sisters to come together. Stay connected to our social media (page 4) for reminders!

- Phi Sigma Sigma Carnival (10/22) 11-3 at their house!
- AXiD Taco Night (10/23) 8-10 at their house!
- ADPi Sweetheart Competition (10/25) at 7 in Edwards!
- SDT Eat Your Heart Out (10/26) 5-6:30 in their house!
- DZ Hike for Hearing (10/28) 11-1 at Narragansett Beach

**Men's Recruitment Orientation**

The newest addition to the Fraternity recruitment process is a New Member Orientation, created by the Interfraternity Council’s passionate director of recruitment, Trent Anderson. With the goal of educating our new members, this orientation went above and beyond by not only providing them with pertinent information, but bringing all the current recruits, chapters and IFC together.

Not only was it a great chance to show face, but a priceless opportunity for the chapter leaders to express what values, philanthropy, and community services are most important to their chapter. These core values were widespread, with well over 200 new members in attendance.

After the orientation, a junior marine biology student shared that the orientation bolstered his decision to join recruitment, by expressing how integral academics and service are to the chapters he looks up to. After a successful trial run, the IFC plans to continue and strengthen this orientation for the many recruitment classes to follow.
Bid Day 2017

This year we had another incredible formal recruitment, created and organized by our Vice President of Recruitment and Public Relations, Elena Muniz. We welcomed 601 new girls into our Panhellenic sisterhood. As always, Bid Day was filled with excitement as those going through recruitment patiently awaited to find out what chapters their RC’s were apart of and to finally receive their Bid home! With Bid Day themes, ranging from “Welcome to our Ohana”, to “Here KΔMES The Sun”, all of our chapters went the extra mile getting dressed up and dancing to music, excited to welcome home their new sisters.

We wanted to recognize how amazing our newest chapter on campus, DPhiE did during recruitment and welcoming home their first new member class! They celebrated their Bid Day at the beach and had an amazing time, we can’t wait to see them grow as a chapter in our community. For now, we’ll start the countdown to next years Bid Day, dreaming of themes, outfits and even more new members!

Alumni & Family Weekend

This year our community is excited to have Homecoming and Family/Alumni Weekend combined. We can’t wait to show our families what we have created. The alumni and families of URI will come down the line October 20-22nd for the beloved powderpuff games (10/20 4-9pm), URI football game (10/21), and house visits.

This year we’re creating something new before the football game called the Greek Village. Here each chapter will have a tent and specific area where everyone can reconnect, have fun, and even network. The Greek tailgate will be on Saturday (10/21) from 9am-12pm in the Plains Road Lot. We welcome everybody who wants to come by and cheer on the Rams whether it’s just throwing the football around, grilling, or playing some lawn games before we head over to the stadium.
Check out our social media!

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**Upcoming Events**

- **First Greek 101**
  - October 5th
- **Chi Omega Wish Week**
  - October 10-13th
- **URI Open House**
  - October 14th
- **Rhody Rally**
  - October 15th
- **Powder Puff Games**
  - October 20th
- **Homecoming Football Game**
  - October 21st
- **Panhel Week**
  - October 22-28th

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**Philanthropy Feature**

**Sigma Alpha Epsilon**-
In the Memorial Union Ballroom on Tuesday Sept. 26th, students were given the opportunity to try a virtual reality headset provided by a brother of SAE. All the proceeds went to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Leadership School.

**Alpha Epsilon Pi**-
On Wednesday Sept. 27th, the brothers of Alpha Epsilon Pi brought a junker car and a sledgehammer in front of the Union for their annual car smash. By the end of the day the car was barely recognizable and they donated the proceeds to Heroes to Heroes.

**Sigma Kappa**-
The sisters of SK took advantage of the beautiful day on Sept. 27th to move their fundraising outside of the Memorial Union. They spread purple Alzheimer's Awareness bracelets across our campus, and donated the proceeds to the Alzheimer's Association.