Fraternity Information

URI Fraternity Recruitment
Fellow Students,

On behalf of the 15 fraternity chapters here at the University of Rhode Island, we welcome you. Our Greek organizations continue to develop individuals into leaders and instill values that promote personal development.

Going Greek creates countless opportunities through each individual chapter, as well as through the alumni network. Throughout the years we have continued to make a large impact on our surrounding communities, and a difference in the world every single day.

Scholarship, fellowship, leadership and service are the values we continue to embody as a community, and are what drive our tradition of excellence. I invite you to explore our Greek system and discover the great opportunities we have to offer.

Sincerely,

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Welcome from the President

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Our Communities Core Values

FELLOWSHIP:
The companionship of individuals in a congenial atmosphere and on equal terms.

LEADERSHIP:
An act or instance of leading, guidance, or direction.

SCHOLARSHIP:
Knowledge resulting from study and research in a particular field.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:
Service volunteered by individuals/organizations to benefit a community/its institutions.
Being in a Fraternity at URI means you are a Greek. However, being a Greek is more than being in a fraternity or sorority, it makes you part of a community. A community can have many definitions, but to us it means that we share a common goal. We want to be the best Greek Life system in the country. This means we want to have the best academics, leadership and involvement in the country.

Greeks regularly excel at the top of their classes, and in leadership positions in various organizations on campus. Greeks have been Orientation Leaders, Varsity Athletes, Student Senators, Tutors, and Tour Guides. While only 23% of URI is Greek, from 2001-2013 every Student Body President has been a Greek (and from 2013 up to now the Vice President was/is Greek).

While this may seem like an anomaly, it is our internal drive that sets us apart. This internal drive isn't exclusive to Greek Life, but as the largest organization on campus our membership makes it part of our culture. That's why we have a higher GPA than the campus average, more philanthropy hours and money donated to charitable organizations, and more members in leadership positions outside of our organizations.
My dad was in a fraternity and told me all his stories, I saw Animal house when I was 12, and I read a lot of news about fraternities before I came to URI. The summer before I started at URI I didn’t want to be in a fraternity at all. So, what changed?

I wanted to double major and play sports. I couldn’t imagine where I would find the time to join a fraternity or what it could possibly add to my plan. That mindset lasted through the summer, up until my first day at URI when I met two people who changed my life. They were in two different fraternities at URI, but they showed me who I could be if I wanted to. They seemed like superheroes: both were smart with good grades, involved in various organizations outside of Greek Life, and were incredible leaders. Most importantly they were friendly and made a nervous little freshman (me) feel welcomed and happy to be at URI, a school where I knew no-one.

That was when I realized why I should be in a fraternity, for the person that Greek Life could make me. It wasn’t a fluke that these two incredible people were in the same community; in fact there are hundreds of them throughout Greek Life. They are "Do-ers", driven to be the best individuals they can be, but pushed to the next level by their fraternities and sororities. Greek Life doesn’t change you, it helps you realize the capabilities that you’ve had all along and capitalize on them.
If you've ever been on a sports team, in a club or any group, you understand how much easier it is to stay motivated in a group if you share a common goal. Considering this it makes sense that because everyone in Greek Life wants to be the best version of themselves possible, we all push and give each other opportunities by helping each other realize this important goal.

After four years in my fraternity I'm on track to graduate on time with a double major in Mechanical Engineering and Spanish. Hopefully that would've been the case regardless of my participation in Greek Life, but I also play for the URI Rugby Team, am on Deans List, participate in two professional clubs (one of which I'm a founding member), and have had leadership roles in both my fraternity and the Interfraternity Council for 4 years (2 years each). I also have studied abroad, been an orientation leader, and had two great internships.

I can honestly say I wouldn't be the person I am today without my fraternity, and more importantly those two "superheroes" who made me realize who I could be and how to get there.

If you think that you won't be able to do Greek Life for one of the following reasons:

- My grades will suffer
- I won't have the time
- I want to get involved in other organizations

then I challenge you to rethink that after hearing my story.

If you want to hear more, I invite you to get in touch with me, any time.

Very sincerely,

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**THINK BIG, GREEKS DO.**
The Inter-Fraternity Council [IFC] is the governing body that represents the 15 fraternities at the University of Rhode Island. From all the fraternity men on campus, five are elected to serve as the IFC Executive Board. The Executive Board then appoints seven other gentlemen to Service Chair positions. This group serves to organize all fraternity life, and promote excellence in all fraternal pursuits.

The members of the IFC are responsible for organizing Greek events, recruitment, new member education, public relations, scholarship, and more. The IFC also requires all new members to attend seminars that focus on hazing prevention.

The Inter-Fraternity Council, with the help of our sister organization The PanHellenic Council, help organize programming such as:

- Freshman Move In
- FREEK Day
- Beach Day
- Philanthropy Week
- Greek Week
Prospective New Member; anyone who wants to participate in Greek Life

Chapter; the individual fraternity, at a local level

Bid; an offer of membership to a fraternity.

Pledge/ Associate Member; a gentleman who accepts a bid, and who is working towards full membership.

Brothers; a pledge that is formally initiated into a fraternity.

Colony; a newly organized group in the process of becoming a chartered chapter,
The main obligation that fraternities have to their members is maintaining a safe and responsible environment. This enables every member to truly get the most out of his experience. We emphasize this both in the recruitment process, and in regular fraternity life.

The first rule of our recruitment process is: “recruitment activities will be substance and alcohol free.” This is a rule that we respect and rigorously enforce to help maintain the safety of anyone entering the Fraternity recruitment process.

All chapters are committed to producing a respectful environment for living, working, and studying. Most importantly, each and every chapter is committed to improving their brothers, themselves, and their school. Furthermore, being the best student and person you can be is our upmost priority.
As a family member you may be tentative about letting your new URI student consider a fraternity. Many people worry about fraternity stereotypes associated with movies like 'Animal House', however those stereotypes couldn't be further from the truth at URI.

Students realize that by joining Greek Life they can become part of an organization where you can find role models that can help you academically, socially and morally as well. We know that hard work and having fun aren’t exclusive, and excelling socially shouldn't affect your academics.

Our Greek System here at URI, breeds well rounded and successful leaders.

Some quick statistics to consider:

- The Greek System is the largest volunteer network in the US
- Greeks are 20% more likely to graduate than non-Greeks
- Over 85% of student leaders are involved in Greek Life

These statistics come from an in depth study of over 700 Colleges and Universities in the United States.

Many people look at Fraternities based on cost. One economic benefit to joining Greek Life is the plentiful scholarships available to Greek students.

Greek Housing, as well, is often much cheaper than on campus housing. Houses come equipped with all features of a dorm, as well as additional features such as kitchens, an in house chef, basketball courts, volleyball courts, etc.

Also most Fraternities offer payment plans to help ease the burden of fraternity dues.
If you’re interested in joining a Fraternity you should attend some of our IFC events:

**FREEK Day**: 9/7/15, 11am-3pm; come meet us between Barlow and Weldin Hall, we’ll bring the burgers, hot dogs, and soda.

**Beach Day**: 9/8/15 10am-3pm; free buses will be leaving the Memorial Union bus circle, so check out off campus with the entire Greek community to the Beach and discover the Ocean State.

**Social Media**: most of our houses have social media accounts where they post information on rush events, and their membership process.

If you have any questions please contact the IFC Director of Recruitment and New Member Development:

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Thank you for taking the time to read about our community. Going Greek is one of the most rewarding experiences you can have during your time at college. Getting involved can help you grow and become a more successful individual.

We welcome you to our home this Fall, and can’t wait to see everything you’ll accomplish, discover, and learn. We encourage you all to Go Greek!

~The Interfraternity Council

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