

Chapter Programming Guide

LEADERSHIP-EDUCATION: Programs and activities that will open the minds and develop skills of new members and future leaders of the Greek system.		
Educational Program	Greek 101 B.A.N.G. (Being a New Greek)	A program that teaches new members what membership in a fraternity or sorority is all about and helps them learn more about campus life and other organizations through fun games and discussions. Ex: IFC Bingo, PHC Jeopardy and trivia games. Divide new members into smaller groups to talk about the importance of promoting a positive image of themselves, each other, and the entire Greek and campus community.
Educational Program	Greeks Leading Greeks	Part 1: Keynote speaker talks about an issue that is pertinent to everyone in the Greek/campus community; leadership, hazing, standards, academics, etc.. Part 2: Includes 12 different round-table discussions with various topics; a president's role, philanthropy/community service, scholarship/academics, standards/honor boards, campus involvement, alumni relations, Brotherhood/Sisterhood, faculty relations, risk management, member education and motivation. Current and former Greek leaders with experience in the specific topic area facilitate the discussions with the help of chapter advisors and university staff.
Educational Program	New Member Workshop	Community building exercises and discussions on success in Greek Life. How new members can get involved.
Educational Program	Fall & Spring Greek Summits Roundtable Discussions	A forum for Greek and university leaders to engage in constructive and professional dialogs regarding major Greek issues on campus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk Management - Values Clarification - Ethical Behavior & Personal Responsibility - Greek Community Accountability - Multicultural Relationships - Trends in the Greek System – nationally & locally - Goal Setting - Career Planning - Hazing - Sexual Responsibility - Scholarship/Academic Tips - Neighborhood Relations - House Management
Educational Program	Order of Omega/Greek Leadership Conference	Speakers: Alumni, faculty, staff or a hired keynote speaker; break-off sessions or roundtable discussions. Emphasize and talk about valuable leadership skills, transitioning from student life to the work environment, making use of the valuable learning opportunities and resources the university offers, motivation, problem solving, teamwork. Non-Greek student leaders are also encouraged to attend.
Educational Program	Fall & Spring Leadership Seminars	Featuring prominent alumni, faculty & staff.
Educational Program	Train the Trainer Series	A series of programs throughout the year that focus on developing leadership skills and how to be a successful leader within your organization, Order of Omega, around campus and in the community.
Educational Program	Sponsor a campus-wide speaker	Touch on issues that are a concern for the entire campus community; alcohol awareness, drunk driving, resume building, hazing.
Educational Program	Hazing Prevention Week & Alcohol Education Program	To be done in conjunction with the National Hazing Prevention Week organization; www.hazingprevention.org . The chapter can pass out flyers, take pledges and host a speaker. Host a non-alcohol party.
Educational Program	Study Hall & Mentor/Tutoring Program	Required library hours for chapter members or Greeks that have a GPA of less than a 2.5 for the prior semester, or have a current cumulative GPA of less than 2.5. Include a sign-in sheet at the library or designated study room. Chapter members can serve the Greek & campus community as academic mentors and tutors for other Greeks and students that are struggling with their courses. This can also be done in conjunction with area high schools.
Educational Program	Academic Success Workshop	A program for the new member classes of all Greek chapters. Designed to help new members balance their new college curriculum and Greek social life. Featuring tips on time management, organization skills and effective study and test taking strategies. A workshop outline and materials are available on our website.

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Educational Program	Workshops	Officer Transition* Resume Building & Interview Workshop Graduate School Application Workshop Personal Finance Workshop Life Skills Workshop Social Life after College Time Management* Goal Setting* Effective Note Taking & Study Skills* Effective Test Taking & Memory Skills* (Workshops with an [*] are available under Chapter Programming link.)
Educational Program	The "Real World" Program	Discussions on how to transfer your skills and experience in Greek Life to a resume and into the "Real World". The main goal of the program is preparing the students to be a desirable job candidate. This can be done with the help of Career Services, the campus Learning Center, the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life and faculty.
ACTIVITIES-SERVICE-RELATIONS: Activities and projects that benefit the community through time and effort while publicizing the organization through positive interaction.		
Chapter Activities	Greek Newsletter	Chapter members can produce a weekly or monthly newsletter for the Greek and campus community.
Chapter Activities	New Member Luncheon	Host a luncheon to honor the new initiates.
Chapter Activities	Big O Little O Program	Current members mentor new members.
Chapter Activities	Weekend Retreat	For chapter members and advisors
Chapter Activities	Order of Omega Campus Clean-Up	Campus beautification day – have members wear their Omega t-shirts
Awards	Academic Scholar of the Month or Semester	The award can be announced at chapter meeting or Greek event and given a certificate and/or prize. The individual is nominated by their peers and voted on by Order of Omega members. It can be anyone who has achieved academic success over the past month or semester. Can be an incentive to the Study Hall for Greeks.
Awards	Greek Excellence Awards Up and Coming Awards	Awards presented to the top fraternity & sorority, Greeks & Advisors. Fraternity & Sorority Categories: Outstanding Campus Involvement, Outstanding Chapter Programming, Outstanding Scholarship/Philanthropy/Community Service, Outstanding New Member Education and Rising Star Chapter. Individual Categories: Greek Man/Woman of the Year, Emerging Leader of the Year, Outstanding Chapter Advisor/Faculty Advisor. This allows the Greek community to recognize individual and chapter achievements while encouraging all chapters to strive for similar attainment.
Awards	Greek Faculty Award Banquet	Have students in the Greek community nominate their favorite professor, advisor, or faculty/staff personnel for different award categories. The nominees can then be inducted into the chapter as honorary members.
Greek Relations	Faculty Appreciation Dinner or Dessert	Host a dinner or dessert for Greek Life Faculty & Staff.
Greek Relations	Get to Know You BBQ Fall Welcome Back Dinner	Chapter members can host this event for all Greek Life students, faculty & staff.
Greek Relations	Greek Week	Games and events that involve service, friendly competition, brotherhood & sisterhood, leadership & academics. Conclude week with a Greek Awards banquet to honor outstanding members of the Greek community and announce the winners of Greek Week.
Greek Relations	So You Think Your Chapter Can Dance? Dance Marathon Omega Idol University-wide Dance-Off	Can be done in conjunction with Greek Week. Have each Greek/student organization put together a team and compete. Judges can be from the university dance team, etc. Each team is required to pay an entry fee and audience members have to make a donation (a set fee or any amount) at the door. The winner will receive a prize or trophy, and/or get to choose which philanthropy the money raised goes to.
Greek Relations	Pie A Greek	To be done in conjunction with Greek Week. Students can purchase a pie and pie their favorite Greek – usually chapter presidents or other e-board officers. Proceeds go to the chapter or charity of your choice.
Greek Relations	Greek Feud Brain Bowl	Can be done in conjunction with Greek Week. Pair chapter advisors with members of their chapter to compete against each other by answering an array of questions. Have each chapter submit a minimum of five trivia questions in areas of business, economics, history, government, math, science, computer technology, movies, music and reality TV.

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Greek Relations	Alcohol Awareness Banner Contest	An event where all Greek organizations are invited to create a banner and use their artistic ability to show the dangers of alcohol. All banners are placed in a prominent area for all students to see, and later judged for a chance to win a prize. Can be done in conjunction with hazing prevention or Greek Week.
Greek Relations	Light Up Greek Row	Encourage all fraternities & sororities on Greek Row to decorate their house and the winner can receive a prize.
Greek Relations	Finals Breakfast Finals Study Break/Lunch	Have chapter members pass out muffins, coffee, hot chocolate and healthy snack foods as students head out to take final exams. Can also be done as a lunch or study break with pizza, soda and snacks.
Greek Relations	Sponsor Greek Unity Week	Encourage brotherhood & sisterhood through games, round-table discussions, all-Greek picnic, and a community service project.
Greek Relations	Exam Pack Program/Fundraiser	The chapter can put together exam packs and have parents purchase these for their students during finals. Pack can include: Personalized message, Post-It Notes, note cards, popcorn, Chex Mix, Granola Bars, Cookies, Chips, Peanut Butter Crackers, Hot Chocolate, Rice Krispie Treat, Gum, \$10 gift card for coffee and food, pencils, pens, Bluebook, Scantrons, University t-shirt bookstore gift card – the possibilities are endless!
Greek Relations	Freshman/Parent Orientation	Host an event for new students and parents during orientation.
Greek Relations	Homecoming	Host alumni activities at Homecoming
Greek Relations	Press Releases	Coordinate all press releases for chapters to insure promotion of outstanding events and individuals to the public.
Community Outreach	Day of Service	Order of Omega HQ asks that each chapter sponsor a "Day of Service" during the month of April. This can be done as a chapter or involve the entire Greek community.
Community Outreach	Branch-Out Greeks	An all-Greek or Chapter tree planting project.
Community Outreach	Anti-Drug Program	An anti-drug program for local kids.
Community Outreach	Excel Program	The chapter partners with local high schools to help students better understand the college application and selection process.
Community Outreach	Mentor Program	Chapter members can mentor students from a local school, Boys & Girls Club or YMCA. Talk about college life to high school students.
Community Outreach	Trick-or-Treat on Greek Street Halloween Carnival	Gives local and underprivileged children a safe place to trick-or-treat and participate in fun games and crafts; bounce house, face painting, haunted house, etc.
Community Outreach	Toy Drive	Have new initiates and current members bring toys to the initiation ceremony, or hold the toy drive in conjunction with an awards banquet, reception, or Greek event and encourage all in attendance to bring toys or use it as the entry fee. They can then be donated in the chapter's name to a local charity.
Community Outreach	School Supply Drive Canned Food Drive Blood Drive Book Drive	Have each fraternity & sorority compete to see who can collect the most items for local charities. Winners can be announced at Greek Awards.
Community Outreach	Charity Concert	Have student bands and local bands put on a concert for the entire campus community.
Community Outreach	Angel Tree Program	Have chapter and Greek members participate in the Salvation Army's annual Angel Tree Program.
Community Outreach	Helping Hands Christmas/Holiday Party	Sponsor a Christmas/Holiday party for local, underprivileged children.
Community Outreach	All-Greek Habitat for Humanity Project	Invite all chapters to participate and give back to the local community.
Community Outreach	Operation Turkey	Raise money for the local food bank/ families in need of help during the holidays.
Community Outreach	Closet Clean-Up	Sponsor a Greek-wide clothes drive for local charity.
Community Outreach	Easter Program	Fill Easter Baskets with goodies and donate to a local children's hospital or pediatric ward. Host an egg hunt for local children.
Community Outreach	Trash Pickup	Organize a chapter or all-Greek trash pickup service project.

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Philanthropy	List of national charities Order of Omega Chapters have supported:	American Association of the Deaf-Blind American Cancer Society American Red Cross Autism Speaks Big Brothers/ Big Sisters of America Boys and Girls Clubs of America Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Feed the Children Habitat for Humanity Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Lance Armstrong Foundation Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Make-A-Wish Foundation Marine Toys for Tots Mothers Against Drunk Driving Multiple Sclerosis Foundation Muscular Dystrophy Association National Children's Cancer Society Operation Smile Paralyzed Veterans of America Reach Out and Read Salvation Army St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Susan G. Komen for the Cure UNICEF United Way
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