

# A GUIDE TO SORORITY *Life*

AT BAKER UNIVERSITY



RECRUITMENT  
2020-2021

# Why Sorority Life?



“Being involved in Sorority Life at Baker is a unique experience all on its own, it has opened so many doors and provided me with countless leadership opportunities over the past four years along with friends I will have for the rest of my life. We work hard with one another to continue to have a healthy and inclusive community by supporting each other through the events we put on and working together as leaders on campus as well.” *-Madison, BU Panhellenic President*



**While academic achievement is the primary reason to attend Baker University,** activities outside of the classroom are also an important component of becoming a well-rounded graduate. Baker's sorority organizations enhance your collegiate experience by emphasizing intellectual, interpersonal and social development. Lifelong friendships, high academic standards, campus and community service and social interaction are what sorority members strive for every day. This affiliation provides a unique combination – it's a family, it's a social organization, it's a business, it's a home away from home and it's an opportunity to develop confidence as you acquire leadership skills.

# A Letter to Parents

Membership in a sorority organization is an asset your daughter can take advantage of during the transition from high school to college. Through it she will develop the ideals of trust and friendship, responsibility, and maturity. Sisterhood is a special bond that forms within each chapter and will give your daughter the strong foundation from which she can securely branch out into other areas of campus life, knowing she will be supported in her endeavors.

Further, the opportunities to develop friendships outside the chapter are limitless, as she will be encouraged to become involved in other campus organizations. These lasting friendships make college experience more enriching and expand her horizons and foster her social and academic growth. The sorority experience will help your daughter become a mature, responsible woman, prepared to face whatever life may bring!

## Sorority Community

### Achieving Academic Excellence

A primary purpose of sorority organizations is to encourage and develop high scholastic achievement among its members.

### Making the World a Better Place

Through the support of local and national philanthropies, fraternities and sororities promote ideas that enhance a member's college experience.

### Learning to Lead

Members of the sorority community are active in and hold leadership positions in every facet of college life. The valuable leadership skills gained assist members well after their college years.

# Our Chapters



## Alpha Chi Omega (NPC)

**Chapter Address:**  
403 Eighth St.,  
Baldwin City, KS

The Omicron chapter at Baker University was founded on September 17, 1908, and continues to be an award-winning chapter at the national level. With a national philanthropy of supporting victims of domestic violence, Alpha Chi Omega works locally to support the Willow Domestic Violence center in Lawrence, KS.



## Delta Delta Delta (NPC)

**Chapter Address:**  
816 Fremont St.,  
Baldwin City, KS

The Lambda chapter was established at Baker University on March 12, 1895. It was the first national women's fraternity at Baker. Tri Delta's philanthropy, Children's Cancer Charities, encourages members to support local children's hospitals, cancer camps, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



# Our Chapters



## Zeta Tau Alpha

**Chapter Address:**  
503 Ninth St.,  
Baldwin City, KS

The Sigma chapter was installed at Baker University in 1912. Zeta Tau Alpha is the second largest organization in the National Panhellenic Conference. Zeta Tau Alpha partners with the American Cancer Society®, the NFL, Bright Pink®, and others in the fight against breast cancer.



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**Baker Panhellenic**  
Sorority Chapter Governing  
Council

The Panhellenic Council is the governing board of Baker's three National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) sororities at Baker University. The council serves as the link between Baker sorority members, the University's administration, and NPC. Members are elected for executive offices and sororities appointed members to serve as delegates.

The Council is responsible for creating and upholding national policy, programming and organizing recruitment activities. Members work to promote academic achievement and social service within the Fraternity & Sorority community.

# Scholarship

Sororities support the mission of Baker University and value their position as a member of the university community who, along with faculty and staff, emphasize the role of academics as a cornerstone of the Baker experience.

Chapter living provides an optimum atmosphere for academic achievement. Chapters offer mentoring (Study Buddies) and supervised study time to encourage organization and study habits. They celebrate the academic accomplishments of their members with chapter awards and recognition each year. Individual chapter facilities provide quiet areas devoted to study where 24-hour quiet is the rule.

By the Numbers...	3.25	University Female Avg.
3.49	Sororities Avg.	3.11
		All University Avg.

Sororities value scholastic performance and achievement in the membership selection process, and this emphasis continues throughout the member's collegiate years. Baker University Sorority Life is proud to hold the highest community GPA in the State of Kansas.

Baker University Order of Omega national honor society, honor academic excellence among sorority members. These organizations also offer scholarships to their members.





# Safety



The safety of members living away from home, perhaps for the first time, is important. Potential members and their families can be assured that the health and safety of all members and their guests are a priority for the alumnae who serve as advisers and House Corporation Board members.

At Baker, we are fortunate to have beautiful sorority houses all owned and maintained by local House Corporation Boards. Adult supervision of chapter events and programming is provided by alumnae members serving as chapter advisors. The national organizations provide policies and procedures based on sorority's standards and their high expectations for all members.



**“The safety of our members is our first priority for House Corporation. Providing a beautiful and safe home-away-from-home is our goal.”**

*-Susanne Teel (Delta Delta Delta House Corp. President)*

**House Director:** All sorority houses employ a House Director (housemother). Each is a full-time resident in house.

**Alcohol:** No sorority house allows the possession or consumption of alcohol on the premises, no matter the age of the member. Sorority-sponsored events involving alcohol must be held in an adviser-approved venue.

**Hazing:** All forms of hazing are prohibited by state law and the policies of every member organization.

# The Cost

Baker University freshmen are required to live in the university-provided residence halls. The total expenses for freshmen women joining a sorority will include university room and board in addition to the new member fees listed below.

Typically, it is more expensive during this first year for sorority women. However, once members are living inside of the chapter house, expenses (room, board, and membership dues) are significantly less than the cost of living in university housing. For the four-year college experience, sorority membership is the less expensive option.

<b>Alpha Chi Omega</b> <b>Delta Delta Delta</b> <b>Zeta Tau Alpha</b>	{	New member: \$1,189-\$1,497/semester Out-of-house: \$895-\$1,027/semester In-house: \$4,095-\$4,383/semester
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**\*\*Costs are presented in a range because housing costs differ for each sorority**

**\*\*Prices include room, board, and membership fees**

**New member:** 1st semester with chapter until initiated

**Out-of-house:** Semester(s) after initiation not living in the chapter house

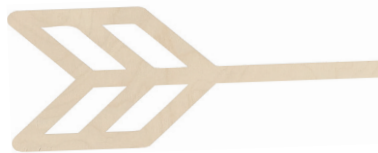
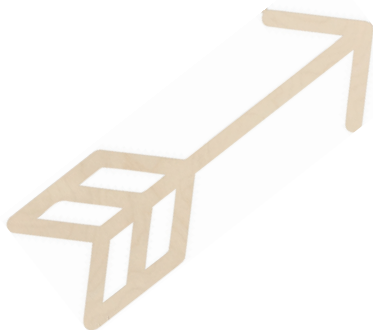
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<b>On-Campus Living</b>	{	Average Housing: \$2,585/semester Meal Plan: \$2,172/semester
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**\*\*The university housing average cost reflects the varied types of housing available to students**





# Recruitment

If you would like to begin exploring Panhellenic Sorority Life at Baker, the first step is to register online at [www.bakeru.edu/recruitment](http://www.bakeru.edu/recruitment). For Panhellenic sorority recruitment, there is a \$25 registration fee.

\*\*\*Open Recruitment Registration is until Saturday, August 15 at 9PM\*\*\*

Stay connected with our social media sites over the summer to access our recruitment webinar series for students and parents

## The Schedule

### Day 1

#### Saturday, August 15

3-5 p.m. | Sorority Chapter House Tours

Following move-in, visit the sorority chapters with your parents and family members to see what sorority life is all about.

Alpha Chi Omega (403 Eighth St.)

Delta Delta Delta (816 Fremont St.)

Zeta Tau Alpha (503 9th St.)

Zeta Phi Beta (Alumni Center)

### Day 2

#### Sunday, August 16

1:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. | Philanthropy Round

Visit all three Panhellenic Council chapters to learn about each organization's philanthropy.

### Day 3

#### Monday, August 17

1 p.m.–5:00 p.m. | Sisterhood Round

Visit the chapters to learn more about the sisterhood bond and memories made within each chapter. Identify one or two chapters you would like to visit the next day.

### Day 4

#### Tuesday, August 18

9:50 a.m.–12:45 p.m. | Preference Round

Visit one or two chapters to hear more in-depth stories and experiences of chapter members. Complete your preference cards, ranking the chapters you would like to accept membership invitations from.

6:30 p.m. | Bid Distribution – Hartley Plaza

Receive your bid cards and an invitation to your new sorority chapter.

# What to Wear



## Philanthropy Rounds

Visit all three Panhellenic Council chapters to learn about each organization's philanthropy.

**The attire for the event is casual.**  
(Shorts, jeans, & skirts are appropriate.)



## Sisterhood Rounds

Visit the chapters to learn more about the sisterhood bond and memories made within each chapter. Identify one or two chapters you would like to visit the next day.

**The attire for the event is more dressy.**  
(Dress pants, skirts, & sundresses are appropriate.)



## Preference Rounds

Visit one or two chapters to hear more in-depth stories and experiences of chapter members. Complete your preference cards, ranking the chapters you would like to accept membership invitations from.

**The attire for the event is the dressiest of the three rounds.**  
(A nice skirt or dress is appropriate.)



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