



For over 150 years, Greek Life at Monmouth has been consistent with the college's goals of academic rigor and active citizenship.

“When I first heard that my son wanted to join a fraternity, all I could think about was the movie *Animal House*. But I soon discovered that Greek organizations at Monmouth are much different. They are not about toga parties. Instead, they emphasize leadership, studying hard and getting good grades.”

—BARRY DIAMOND, *parent*

“I was not Greek myself, but when my daughter decided to join a sorority I was curious to see what would happen. It turned out to be a tremendous opportunity. Besides serving as a friendly home away from home, the sorority experience helped her develop strong leadership skills.”

—MARGARET LINDSAY, *parent*

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Greek Life at Monmouth College



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Dear Students and Parents:



AT MONMOUTH, WE ARE PARTICULARLY PROUD of our Greek Life history. The first national fraternity for women, Pi Beta Phi, was founded at Monmouth College in 1867, followed shortly thereafter by the founding of Kappa Kappa Gamma in 1870, the third oldest women's fraternal organization. The three women's and four men's fraternities that make up the present Greek community comprise more than 22 percent of the student body. Each chapter places special emphasis on academic achievement, holding its own study hours and programming to enhance academic performance. One in four students who belong to the Greek system graduates with *cum laude* honors or higher. The all-Greek GPA is higher than the all-campus GPA.

While the number of Greek chapters on some campuses is declining, at Monmouth it is growing! In fact, two former chapters have recolonized in recent years, and efforts are under way to bring additional chapters to our campus. The board of trustees has recently endorsed an initiative expanding college support for Greek Life, which has already resulted in the first new construction of Greek housing in more than 40 years.

While joining a Greek organization isn't for everyone, membership provides an opportunity to form lifelong friendships, promotes discipline that can lead to academic success and develops leadership skills that can translate into success in life. Membership in these Greek-letter organizations does require an extra commitment of time, energy and resources, but it also offers many rewards.

Please take a few minutes to review this booklet. I hope it will help you decide whether or not Greek Life should be part of your Monmouth College experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'Jacquelyn Condon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jacquelyn Condon
Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students

Greek members enjoy unique opportunities for leadership development, academic excellence, and career success.



Each year, hundreds of fraternity men and women collaborate to create a celebration throughout the entire campus. A week of games, service events, and fund raising for charity culminate in a dance competition and talent show which packs Dahl Auditorium.

Academic Support and Excellence



Greeks seek academic success

Men's and women's fraternities emphasize the importance of scholastic excellence through study-skill workshops, peer tutoring, and study groups. Greek organizations also offer scholarship funds.

- > At Monmouth, men and women in fraternal organizations **earn a higher GPA** than non-members.
- > Students are **more likely to graduate** from college if they belong to fraternal organizations.



There is a positive relationship between involvement in co-curricular activities and academic performance.



Greeks continue education

Monmouth graduates enjoy an advantage as they gain acceptance into top-notch, highly competitive graduate and professional schools. Here is just a sample of advanced degree programs enrolling Monmouth's Greek graduates:

- > Baylor Law School, J.D.
- > Bradley University, M.S.
- > DePaul University, Ph.D., J.D.
- > Loyola University of Chicago, M.A.
- > Rush University, M.S.
- > St. Ambrose University, D.P.T., M.S.W.
- > University of California, Ph.D.
- > University of Illinois, M.S., M.S.W.
- > University of Iowa, Ph.D., J.D.
- > University of Michigan, M.A.
- > Washburn Law School, J.D.
- > Washington University, M.S.

Leadership and Service



Greeks practice leadership

Each year, men and women in Greek organizations benefit from special leadership programs which are not available to non-members:

- > **Greek Life New Member Retreat**
The college hosts an off-campus retreat for all new members to explore the values of fraternities and how they support their education and success.
- > **New Member Education Courses**
Each fraternity has a professionally developed curriculum to help new members develop skills to aid their transition to college and pursue their academic studies.
- > **Professional Development**
Throughout their college experience, Greek students receive special training about business communications, etiquette, and how to develop their professional network.
- > **New Officer Workshop**
Seasoned student leaders train new fraternity officers in an annual workshop hosted by the college.



Educational programs and volunteer opportunities at Monmouth take leadership development to a whole new level.

- > 89% of Monmouth Hall of Achievement inductees are men's or women's fraternity members.
- > Nationally, over \$10 million is raised and over 850,000 hours are volunteered each year by fraternity and sorority members.



Greeks give back

Each fraternal organization includes service and philanthropy as one of its core values. Greek students at Monmouth develop a love for contributing to their communities, and often extend this passion throughout their lives. In addition to individual service, each organization adopts major causes and works hard to support them:

- > **ALS Foundation**
Phi Delta Theta Fraternity
- > **AutismSpeaks**
Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity
- > **Children's Miracle Network**
Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity
- > **Read Across America**
Pi Beta Phi Fraternity
- > **Reading is Fundamental, Inc.**
Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity
- > **St. Jude's Children's Hospital**
Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity
- > **YouthAIDS**
Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity

Career Success and Networking



Internships open doors

Internships have allowed Greek members at Monmouth College to practice their skills and network with professionals at the following companies:

- > Caterpillar, Inc.
- > Defense Information Institute, Washington D.C.
- > ESPN
- > Foresters Baseball, Rockford, Ill.
- > Illinois Lieutenant Governor's Office
- > KTVI-TV, St. Louis
- > *Miami Herald*
- > MTV
- > NBC's *The Today Show*
- > National Repertory Orchestra, Breckenridge, Colo.
- > RCA Records, Nashville
- > River Bandits Baseball, Quad Cities
- > Six Flags Great America
- > Spokane (Wash.) Symphony
- > Viacom Europe
- > WHOI-TV and WMBD-TV, Peoria, Ill.



When a student joins a fraternity, he or she gains instant access to a worldwide network of professionals and career resources.

- > 85% of Fortune 500 executives are members of fraternities or sororities.
- > 52% of Monmouth alumni are members of men's or women's fraternities.



Greeks graduate into success

Of the nation's 50 largest corporations, 43 are headed by members of fraternities or sororities. Greek alumni from Monmouth have become employed as:

- > **Senior Business Analyst,**
FedEx Supply Chain Services
- > **Attorney and Partner,**
Neal, Gerber, and Eisenberg, LLP
- > **Principal,** Butler School District
- > **President,** Marengo State Bank
- > **Professor and Associate Dean,**
Washington University
- > **Judge Advocate,** U.S. Army
- > **Executive Director,**
Carl Sandburg Foundation
- > **Engineering Project Leader,**
Caterpillar, Inc.
- > **Director of Customer Satisfaction,**
McDonald's Corp. Headquarters
- > **Owner,** West End Art Studio
- > **Surgeon,** University of Chicago Hospitals

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get involved?

- > Watch for information in the summer about the recruitment process.
- > Express interest in learning more about Greek Life at **www.monmouthcollege.edu/greklife**.
- > Sign up at the Summer Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR) program.



Aren't fraternities just social clubs?

There is a social aspect to Greek Life and these “social” activities include educational programs, community service, sports, and cooperative competitions. Each organization has national rules and risk-management policies which help ensure that social events are safe for everyone.

What about hazing?

Hazing is illegal, and against the policies of every national fraternity. Any organization found to be hazing would face serious consequences.

How do parents get involved?

- > Ask questions about what the organizations have to offer and allow your student to make the best decision for him or herself.
- > Look at any information your student receives in the mail over the summer related to Greek Life.
- > Encourage your student to think about the choice in the context of his or her dreams and goals.
- > Visit **www.monmouthcollege.edu/greklife** for more information.

How much does it cost?

The Monmouth College fraternity experience is an affordable investment that will continue to benefit members long after they graduate. Dues and fees are spent on educational programs and services to positively impact members. All interested students should request financial information prior to joining.



Send Me More Information

I am interested in learning more about Monmouth College's

- Men's fraternities**
- Women's fraternities**

Name Mr. Ms. _____

Street address _____

City _____ **State** ____ **Zip** _____

Please contact me by any of the following:

- Email** _____
- Cell Phone** _____
- Home Phone** _____
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.)**

Career Goals _____

Special Interests _____

Please complete this form online at www.monmouthcollege.edu/greeklife or return your completed form to Office of Admission, Monmouth College, 700 East Broadway Avenue, Monmouth IL 61462-1998.