

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIVERSITY

GREEK LIFE




CBU

To: Greek organizations interested in partnering with Christian Brothers University

From: Beth R. Gerl, *Vice President for Student Development & Campus Life*

Re: Expansion of Greek community

Christian Brothers University Division of Student Development and Campus Life is excited to announce that we are opening our Panhellenic sorority and Interfraternity community for expansion! The fraternity and sorority community at Christian Brothers University has contributed to both campus life and the City of Memphis for over 100 years. Over the past several decades, our campus has had one of the most stable fraternity/sorority communities in the Memphis Metropolitan area. This has provided our undergraduate chapters with circumstances that are optimal for alumni engagement, strong chapter operations, and a fraternity/sorority-friendly campus. Our Greek community is passionate, active, and contributes to numerous facets of campus life.

CBU boasts one of the most diverse student bodies in our region and is consistently recognized for our efforts and success when it comes to student social mobility. Our fraternities and sororities are also some of the most diverse organizations on campus. Our institution has always had a powerful sense of commitment towards our fraternities and sororities. Everywhere you look, you can see the impact and mark that our members have left.

A critical component of our strategy for ensuring robust campus life and student engagement in the coming years is growing both the number of fraternity and sorority organizations and the membership of each organization.

On behalf of Christian Brothers University, we welcome your expansion proposals and look forward to meeting with you to discuss how we can partner together to advance CBU and fraternity/sorority life across the country.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beth R. Gerl', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Beth R. Gerl

Vice President for Student Development & Campus Life

From the desk of Ricky Kirby, Director of Student Engagement

Christian Brothers University is excited to announce, as part of our wholistic student engagement strategy, we are open for extension in both our Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council communities! Given the current state of our community, which includes seven National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations, two Panhellenic Council organizations, and three Interfraternity Council organizations, we firmly believe that expanding both our NPC and IFC communities will inject a powerful booster. Each of our groups contributes to our campus in numerous ways, but we want to ensure that we continue to provide an engagement home through fraternities and sororities for all of our students.

While our campus does not currently offer any specific or designated fraternity or sorority housing options, our campus provides numerous facilities that offer organizations exceptional spaces for meetings, social functions, alumni events, large programs, and more. Our campus has alcohol and risk management policies that are focused on protecting and ensuring the safety of our students, while providing them with opportunities to host social gatherings on campus. As we continue our journey into post-COVID times, we are provided with numerous opportunities to retool what our organizations contribute to campus, how we recruit new members, provide physical and social spaces to support our students, and increase collaboration across all of our student groups.

Being located in a city with a metropolitan population over 1.3 million people, it is likely that your organization has alumni/alumnae near our institution, and our city offers numerous opportunities to engage alumni. Memphis offers personal and professional opportunities to our students that are second to none. Memphis firms and agencies crave the chance to work with CBU students, which provides our fraternities and sororities with experiences and community engagement opportunities that work to realize their mission. Our campus location also offers close proximity to the airport, as well as hotels and apartment complexes.

As someone who has stayed engaged with my national fraternity organization through workshop and leadership school facilitation, advising chapters at three institutions, and serving on an international board of directors, I firmly understand how important it is for campus administrators and headquarters professionals to have a strong working relationship. We are committed to providing consistent communication and to being exceptional partners to support our students and fraternity/sorority members.

Our students are some of the most passionate and resilient that you will ever encounter. Their moxy and yearning to support and care for each other continues to inspire me. We look forward to the opportunity to introduce you to them and to having conversations about how we can partner together to advance fraternity everywhere.

*If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at **rkirby@cbu.edu**.*

According to *U.S. News & World Report...*



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIVERSITY has a rich history of academic excellence centered around the student, a welcoming spirit of community, and a dedication to impacting the world around us for social change. This unique – and surprisingly affordable – education combines the highest quality academics, real-world learning, and a highly personalized instructional environment to prepare you for success.

In our small classes, you'll work collaboratively with fellow students on team projects and be taught by professors who know your name. CBU offers a wide range of majors, minors, and concentrations in the arts, business, engineering, or the sciences. That means you have lots of choices and ways to specialize and grow within your chosen field.

But good grades will only get you so far. Employers want students who have real-world experience outside the classroom. At CBU, you'll have the chance to conduct research in your field, obtain internships at Fortune 500 companies, and gain extracurricular leadership skills with scores of student clubs, an active Greek life, competitive NCAA Division II athletics, and countless service-learning experiences.

CBU can easily boast of the material and career successes of our graduates – after all, 97% of them are employed at or soon after graduation. But the values that form CBU's foundation serve to not only educate minds but also to open them, and our graduates also leave with a goal and a purpose to build a better, more inclusive, and just world for everyone.

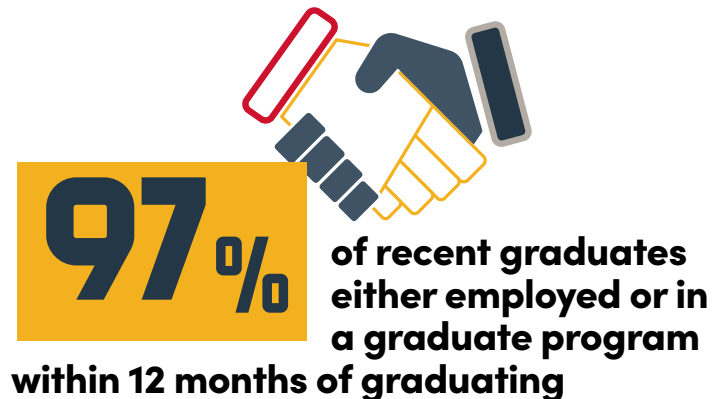
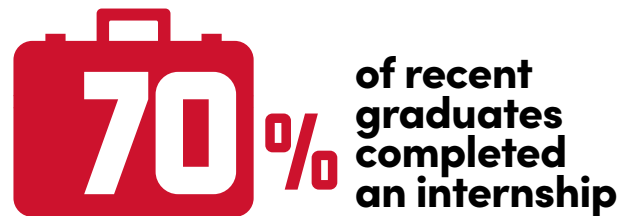
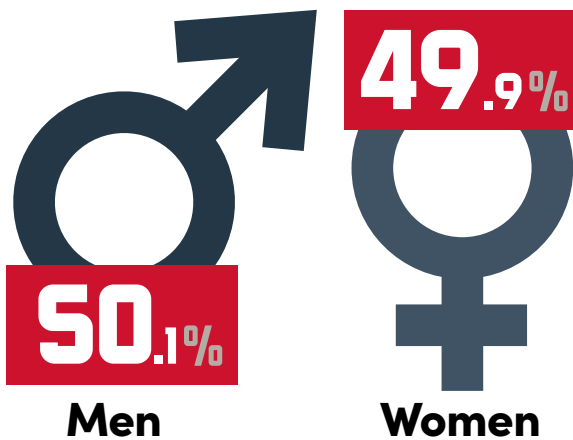
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Undergraduate Students



12:1 Student to Faculty Ratio



TOTAL ENROLLMENT

(includes grad students)

	Male	Female
Fall 2017	729	808
Spring 2018	690	803
Fall 2018	723	818
Spring 2019	707	807
Fall 2019	757	859
Spring 2020	743	858
Fall 2020	761	970
Spring 2021	749	938
Fall 2021	871	934
Spring 2022	895	892
Fall 2022	892	851

CHAPTER SIZES

Alpha Xi Delta | 39

Zeta Tau Alpha | 24

Tau Kappa Epsilon | 31

Sigma Alpha Epsilon | 23



INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL RECRUITMENT

- Rush has traditionally been a formal one-week per semester process
- Starting in the Fall of 2022, the Council transitioned to a completely informal process
- In the Spring of 2023, the Council will host a small rush that will take place over 3 days

PANHELLENIC COUNCIL RECRUITMENT

- Have utilized traditional formal recruitment
- Have garnered NPC approval to transition to Partially Structured Recruitment starting in the Fall of 2023

Q&A

Office Structure Information

Fraternity and sorority life is directly overseen by the Director of Student Engagement who is supervised by the Vice President of Student Development & Campus Life.

- The Director of Student Engagement oversees student activities, leadership development programs, fraternity & sorority life, and student organizations.
- The Director of Student Engagement co-supervises the Assistant Director or Residence Life and Student Engagement who oversees student activities.
- Vice President of Student Development & Campus Life reports to the President.

How many full time and part time staff members support the fraternity community?

One directly. The VP and DOS serve in direct support roles to the Councils and member organizations.

List all expansions in the past five years, time to charter, size at time of chartering, and current size of chapter.

Alpha Sigma Alpha has had a presence on our campus on and off throughout the last 20 years. They have not had a chapter in the last 5 years.

List all fraternity chapter closures and reason for closure within past five years.

- TKE – Violation of COVID policies. 2020 – Full return in Fall 2021/Spring 2022
- SAE – Violation of COVID policies. 2020 -- Full return in Fall 2021/Spring 2022
- Kappa Sigma – Significant indebtedness to international headquarters – Fall 2022



SEMESTER CUMULATIVE GPAS

	AXD	ZTA	TKE	SAE
Fall 2017	2.84	2.63	2.73	2.93
Spring 2018	—	—	—	—
Fall 2018	2.63	3.18	2.84	2.87
Spring 2019	3	3.64	—	—
Fall 2019	3.03	3.03	3.1	3.04
Spring 2020	—	—	—	—
Fall 2020	3.13	2.67	1.5	2.09
Spring 2021	3	—	—	—
Fall 2021	2.95	2.84	2.83	2.81
Spring 2022	—	—	—	—

TOTAL BIDS

	Female Bids Extended	Female Bids Accepted	Male Bids Extended	Male Bids Accepted
Fall 2020	19	18	~11	~11
Spring 2021	6	6	~5	~5
Fall 2021	19	18	5	5
Spring 2022	~7	~7	6	6
Fall 2022	11	11	41	41

Does the institution offer return agreements to closed chapters? If so, identify any planned organizational returns within the next five years.

Potentially. No organizational returns are planned at the moment.

Identify any planned expansions within the next five years.

None — outside of the current NPC and IFC expansion efforts.

What is the housing model? Are there any facilities available?

No official housing FSL available. In the past, groups have housed themselves together in our on-campus apartment facilities (offer 4-Bedroom apartments on campus). Use of University facilities for meetings, socials, workshops, parties, alumni events, et cetera is available.

What is the college/university residency requirement and is there an exemption process?

Two-year.

Are there any organizations existing on your campus not recognized by IFC, NPC, or the institution but are supported by their national headquarters?

No. We do have professional fraternities that seek to imitate and function similar to IFC/NPC groups.

Is there an established alumni support system (Alumni IFC, Greek Unity Council, etc.) already in place on your campus?

Not at this time. Lots of co-Council collaboration. Active alumni on Board of Trustees. TKE has an expansive/active alumni board.



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