



WHY GO GREEK? LEADERSHIP

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The time to lead is now! Greek Life at Valparaiso University helps provide a stepping-stone into the realm of leadership not only through interfraternal positions, but also by way of its involvement in organizations within the overall VU community.

Leadership is one of the greatest benefits that can be acquired from involvement in a sisterhood or brotherhood experience here on campus. Valparaiso University's sororities and fraternities strive to enhance and fine-tune their members' ambitions, helping them to seek out their highest goals while remaining true to essential core values.

For senior Matthew Noffke (Lambda Chi Alpha), College of Business Administration, his time spent in Greek Life facilitated his desire to achieve a well-rounded lifestyle in college, laying the foundation for involvement as a leader in Greek Intervarsity, Vice President of the Accounting Society, and former IFC Public Relations Chair.

"Greek Life allows students to be in a role where you interact with different people with different backgrounds, something that I think to be essential for leadership," Noffke said.

"Greek Life helped me to excel. I would not be where I am without my Lambda Chi Alpha experience."

Holly Anderson (Delta Delta Delta), an Education major and

leader in College Mentors for Kids and the secretary for Kappa Delta Pi (Education Honors Society), described a similar connection with Greek Life.

"Through joining Greek Life, I have become involved in other outside organizations," Anderson said. "It is through Greek Life and these organizations that I have strengthened my leadership skills."

Offering a multitalented side of Greek Life, senior Ryan Miller (Phi Mu Alpha), Pre-Med and President of VU's all male Acapella group, offers his views on the opportunities available through the fraternity bond.

"It's a good way to help develop leadership skills because you are with people you trust when holding a position within the brotherhood," Miller said. "Then these qualities can help with involvement with other organizations across campus and even help when moving into a career."

Taking her past experiences as a leader in Chi Omega, junior Ali Schultz, International Business major and founder of the Financial Management Association, believes it is her time in Greek Life that has helped her realize her aspirations.

"By taking a leadership position, I was exposed to other leadership opportunities on campus," Schultz said. "Greek Life emphasizes the development of leadership."



Upcoming Events

ΔΔΔ Hush Crush:
February 8-12

ΔΞΦ Carnations Against Cancer:
February 10-12

AFLV Conference, IFC/PH Eboard:
February 11-14

Social Chair Meeting:
Monday, February 15
9:15 p.m.
Scheele Hall

New Member Speaker & Greek 101:
Tuesday, February 16
7:00 p.m.
NSC 234

IFC:
Wednesday, February 17
8:00 p.m.
Board of Director's Room

PH Grand Chapter:
Wednesday, February 17
9:00 p.m.
NSC 234

Order of Omega:
Wednesday, February 17
9:45 p.m.
Scheele Hall

Rally for Sexual Assault Awareness:
Thursday, February 18
8:30-10:30 p.m.

NPC Badge Day:
Monday February 22

Spring Break:
February 28-March 13



