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Individually Unique, Together Complete!

When thinking about becoming a member of the Greek community the goal is the find the organizations where you'll have the strongest sense of belonging. Membership is obtained by going through a mutual selection process called recruitment or intake. This is a time to learn about the organization's leadership opportunities, philanthropy projects, financial obligations, social activities, scholarship programs, and traditions of brotherhood or sisterhood.

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

IFC consists of the following fraternities: Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Alpha Psi, Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Theta Xi.

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

NPHC consists of the following fraternities and sororities: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma, and Omega Psi Phi.

National Panhellenic Council (NPC)

NPC consists of the following sororities: Delta Zeta, Phi Mu and Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Order of Omega

Order of Omega is an honorary society open exclusively to upperclassmen involved in Greek organizations.



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| A - Alpha (al-fah) | T - Tau (taw) |
| B - Beta (bay-ta) | Υ - Upsilon (up-si-lawn) |
| Γ - Gamma (gam-ah) | Φ - Phi (fye) |
| Δ - Delta (del-tah) | Χ - Chi (kye) |
| Ε - Epsilon (ep-sah-lawn) | Ψ - Psi (sigh) |
| Ζ - Zeta (zay-tah) | Ω - Omega (o-may-gah) |
| Η - Eta (a-tah) | |
| Θ - Theta (thay-tah) | |
| Ι - Iota (eye-o-tah) | |
| Κ - Kappa (cap-pah) | |
| Λ - Lambda (lamb-dah) | |
| Μ - Mu (mew) | |
| Ν - Nu (new) | |
| Ξ - Xi (zye) | |
| Ο - Omicron (o-ma-cron) | |
| Π - Pi (pie) | |
| Ρ - Rho (row) | |
| Σ - Sigma (sig-mah) | |



Locally, Our Greek Leaders Are:

- Involved in SPA, SGA, Academic Clubs, Resident Assistants, Student Employees, etc.
- Performing thousands of hours of Community Service each year.
- Achieving higher GPAs than non-affiliated undergrads.
- Dominating the Homecoming Court, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls Nominations, Hall of Fame and Who's Who.



- Serving our community by donating all proceeds from Songfest and Greek Week to Maggie's Heart and sponsoring a Halloween Carnival to offer local children a safer alternative to trick-or-treating.
- Creating a safer environment for all college students by sponsoring events that educate the public about drinking and driving.
- Representing Nicholls all over the country at conferences and conventions.



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NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY

Dear Nicholls student:

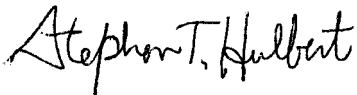
Welcome to Nicholls State University! The Nicholls community will provide you a variety of academic, social, and community service activities. One such opportunity for involvement is being a member of a fraternity or sorority. Greek Letter organizations contribute significantly to the student life experience at Nicholls State University. Fraternities and sororities also provide leadership development opportunities for individual students.

Nicholls has entered a new era. We have raised the bar that students must meet to be admitted to the University. We are becoming the school of choice. The University has also raised the bar for Greek Letter organization. Values based standards have been established for all Greek Letter organizations. These standards have been designed to assure that each member of a fraternity or sorority is involved in activities which promote citizenship, concern for self and others, and a desire to build a better world.

Fraternities and sororities have a long record of service, involvement, leadership and academic achievement at Nicholls State University. You will find many of the outstanding faculty and staff were members of fraternities and sororities during their college years. My own membership in a Greek Letter organization, Lambda Chi Alpha, provided me lifelong bonds of friendship, and an unparalleled level of personal development and exciting opportunities.

Fraternities and sororities significantly contribute to the campus and general community. Many students have found that the Greek experience has contributed to their overall success at Nicholls State University. I encourage you to exam what Greek Life has to offer and to determine if it too will be a part of your college experience.

Sincerely ,



Stephen T. Hulbert
President



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Dear Nicholls student:

Welcome to Nicholls State University and to the membership recruitment program. Fraternities and sororities have a long history of contributing to college life in America. The same applies to the "Greek" community at Nicholls. Our fraternities and sororities have an outstanding record of providing service to the community. Most of our student leaders are members of Greek organizations.

What do Greek organizations have to offer you? Fraternities and sororities will provide you support as you pursue your academic career. They will also provide experiences which will help you to develop and mature as a leader, citizen and member of the campus community. Most of all, you will make new friends.

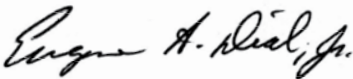
Each fraternity and sorority is unique in its history and traditions. All groups offer a variety of programs and activities. The recruitment program will provide you an opportunity to learn what each group has to offer and to determine how the aims and purpose of each group best fits with your long-term interests as a student and future community leader.

We are confident that you will find that the Greek program at Nicholls has lots to offer students. During the recruitment process you will likely find that there are several groups that you are willing to join. That is okay because the recruitment program is designed to help you rank your preference for membership, not to limit your choice to one particular group. You are strongly encouraged to use the recruitment process to identify at least three groups for which you are willing to accept membership. At some point during the recruitment program, you may be asked to rank the groups in order of your preference for membership. This information will be kept confidential and not distributed to any fraternity or sorority. Therefore, you will be able to accept a membership invitation from your second, third, or fourth choice should the opportunity arise.

Recruitment is a fun time. You will meet lots of new friends. The process can seem a little confusing at times. However, there will be recruitment counselors available to help you every step of the way.

Relax, have fun and welcome to student life at Nicholls. We look forward to seeing you at fall Greek activities.

Sincerely,



Eugene A. Dial Jr.

Vice President, Student Affairs and Enrollment Services



What are the benefits of membership?

- **Brotherhood/Sisterhood.** Any organization can offer you a friend, but only Greek life offers you a family. It's a home away from home that extends beyond any one organization to include members all around the country.
- **Scholarship.** Academic success is one of the most important aspects to Greek students. Scholastics are promoted through strong support systems within each organization and it shows with the All Greek GPA being substantially higher than the Average Undergraduate GPA.
- **Service.** Each year our Greek students give thousands of hours of service to the community and hold fundraisers to make donations to various local and national charities. Every organization has its own national philanthropy, but many have also adopted local ones.
- **Leadership.** Each organization is self-governing making each chapter member a vital part of the Greek community. Greek students are also leaders on campus through their involvement with organizations like Orientation Team, SPA, SGA, and many others!

What does being Greek really mean?

Membership in a Greek letter organization is a lifetime obligation. Choosing the Greek community means working with a group of men or women who can exchange and stand for common goals and ideas and being held to a higher standard than other college students. The Greek experience during the college years is a gateway to many rewards and connections later in life.

Does it cost a lot to be Greek?

Joining a fraternity or sorority does carry a financial commitment as each chapter is self-supported through dues paid by their members. When students join a Greek letter organization, they also agree to pay dues and fees while in school to maintain membership. Although chapters may make accommodations for special needs, students should consider the financial obligation before deciding to join.

What is the time commitment involved in belonging to a Greek organization?

There is no minimum or maximum time that a student must donate to the fraternity or sorority. Through involvement with the chapter, students will learn to better manage their time, balancing academics, work and other commitments. Greeks find that being active in a fraternity or sorority is well worth the time they put into it.

What should I look for in an organization?

Each person has different interests and needs. Most people chose which organization they prefer by figuring out who they fit in with and who shares their interests (some groups are more focused on academics while others may focus more on community service). While they may all be great groups remember to pick one that you feel like you can be a part of. The greatest difference between Greek organizations and others is the concept of brotherhood/sisterhood. With so many great Greek organizations on our campus, no matter what you choose you can never go wrong.

Active- A fully initiated member of a fraternity or sorority.

Alumnae- Member of a sorority who has graduated.

Alumni- Member of a fraternity who has graduated.

Bid- An invitation to join a fraternity or sorority. While it differs from council to council, you may receive one bid or several, you can accept only one.

Brother/Sister- a term used to identify initiated members of a fraternity or sorority.

Chapter-A term used to refer to undergraduate fraternity or sorority students in a particular Greek organization.

This term is also used nationally to distinguish one group of students on a particular campus from those on another campus. Many national groups give their chapters names such as a Greek letter or combination of Greek letters or a Greek letter and a state.

Crossing- A term used by NPHC groups to indicate that a new member has been fully initiated into the group. May also use the term “cross the sands”.

Fraternity- A group of men bonded together by their ritual that contains the founding principles, ideals, and aspirations of the group.

Greek Council- The umbrella organization for all Greek Presidents. The Greek Council is the collective Greek student voice of our Nicholls Greek Community and works to represent all Greek chapters and organization in the university process.

Intake- The term NPHC groups use when they bring new members into their organization. Each NPHC group determines when they will conduct intake, and thus no two NPHC groups will conduct intake together. Each group is assisted in this process by their Graduate Chapter (a group of alumni in the area).

Interfraternity Council (IFC)- The umbrella organization for the seven “social” fraternities at Nicholls.

Initiation- The formal ceremony where a new member is brought into full membership of the fraternity or sorority.

Legacy- A woman or man who is the daughter, son, sister, brother, or grandchild of a sorority or fraternity initiate.



Line- A name for a group of men or women joining a Historically Black Fraternity or Sorority (an NPHC group). Being “on line” is a term for when a student is joining an NPHC group. In 1990 all 9 NPHC groups prohibited “pledging” and began a process called intake (see definition).

National Panhellenic Conference (NPC)- The national group of 26 women’s sororities in North America. Representatives from each national sorority get together to support and promote sororities across North America.



National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)- The national group of the 9 historically African-American fraternities (5) and sororities (4). The representatives from each national group work together to promote Black Greeks across the country, look at standards for intake and new member education, develop overall goals, and provide special resources to campus chapters. There is a national conference every other year that undergraduate students and graduate members attend to share ideas about Greek Life. Regional conferences are also held every other year (even numbered years).

New Member- A term used to refer to a new member of a fraternity or sorority. After recruitment period, new members learn the history of their national and local chapters, get to know their fellow new members, and get to know the initiated members.

Order of Omega- Limited to the top of the outstanding Greeks. Must have a 3.0 GPA, junior or senior status, significant leadership and service to the campus and the Greek community. Applications are accepted each semester, with the current student members selecting the new members. Students that are accepted pay a one-time fee, for which they receive a certificate and a pin. Order of Omega also selects an Honor initiate each semester.

Recruitment- The time when fraternities and sororities recruit new members. Recruitment week takes place the second week of each semester for the IFC groups and the first week of the Fall semester for the NPC groups. For NPHC groups, they recruit, called "intake" when each chapter or their national decides. Each NPHC group will conduct recruitment separately.

Rushee/Potential New Member- An undergraduate who is registered for formal rush/recruitment and is attending rush/recruitment events.

Sorority- A group of women bonded together by their ritual that contains the founding principles, ideals, and aspirations of the group.

Yard- A term used by NPHC groups to indicate the campus. Use in phrases such as which groups are on the yard, meaning which groups are on campus.



IFC is the governing body for the social Greek fraternities at Nicholls. The InterFraternity Council is composed of representatives from each member fraternity and provides a forum for discussion on common problems, while working to strengthen the fraternity system.

2008 Fall Recruitment will be held begin on August 25th and end on August 29th. Each night will begin at 6:00 PM in the Student Union. All men wishing to go through must have a 2.3 GPA from either high school or college (whichever is more recent) and pay a \$5 fee. You can register online at www.nicholls.edu/greek.

Kappa Alpha Order

www.kappaalphaaorder.org

Founded: December 21, 1865 at Washington University

Date Chartered at Nicholls: February 19, 1977

Chapter Name: Epsilon Beta

Colors: Crimson and Old Gold

Symbol: Crimson Cross

Flower: Red Rose and Magnolia

Philanthropy: Muscular Dystrophy Association

Nickname: The Order

Motto: "Dieu et Les Dames" (Of God and Women)



Phi Kappa Theta

www.phikaps.org

Founded: 1889 at Lehigh University

Date Chartered at Nicholls: April 22, 1967

Chapter Name: Nu Omega

Colors: Cardinal, Gold, and White

Flower: Red Tea Rose

Philanthropy: Children's Miracle Network

Nickname: Phi Kaps

Motto: "Give expecting nothing thereof"

Kappa Sigma

www.kappasigma.org

Date Founded: December 10, 1869

Date Chartered at Nicholls: April 28, 2007

Colors: Scarlet, Emerald Green, and White

Flower: Lily of the Valley

Symbol: Star and Crescent

Philanthropy: American Cancer Society



Sigma Alpha Epsilon

www.sae.net



Founded: March 9, 1856 at University of Alabama

Date Chartered at Nicholls: March 24, 2004

Chapter Name: Louisiana Chi

Colors: Old Gold and Royal Purple

Symbol: Lion, Phoenix

Flower: Violet

Philanthropy: Children's Miracle Network

Nickname: SAE

Motto: "The True Gentleman"

Tau Kappa Epsilon

www.tke.org

Founded: January 10, 1899

at Illinois Wesleyan University

Date Chartered at Nicholls: March 8, 1969

Chapter Name: Mu Zeta

Colors: Cherry Red and Grey

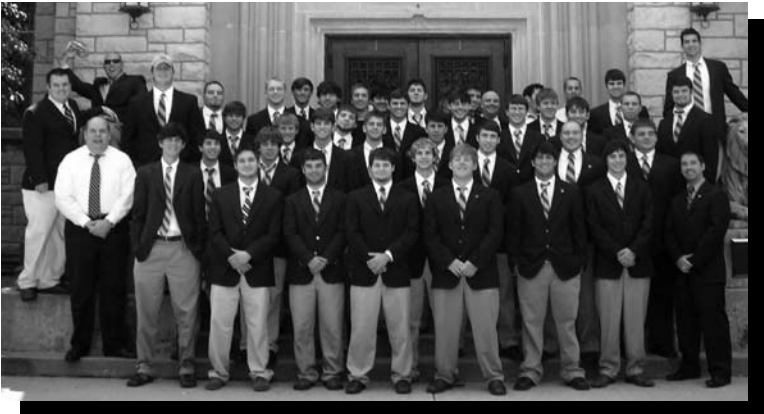
Symbol: Equilateral Triangle and Skull & Crossbones

Flower: Red Carnation

Philanthropy: Ronald Reagan Foundation

Nickname: TKE, Tekes

Motto: "The choice to belong, the challenge to become"



Theta Xi

www.thetaxi.org

Founded: April 29, 1864 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Chapter Name: Gamma Eta

Colors: Azure Blue and Silver

Symbol: Unicorn

Flower: Blue Iris

Philanthropy: Multiple Sclerosis and Habitat for Humanity

Motto: "Juncti Juvant" (United They Serve)



NPHC here at Nicholls is comprised of 6 historically African American sororities and fraternities. This governing body strives for unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the conduct of its chapters and their members. Nationally there are 9 organizations (The Divine Nine) that are members of NPHC.

The Fall 2008 Joint Interest Meeting will be held on August 25 at 6:00 PM in Le Bijou Theatre located in the Student Union. There is no fee required to attend, but there is a GPA requirement and a specific amount of hours required that varies by each organization. There is no pre-registration procedure and you can find out more information at www.nicholls.edu/greek.



Alpha Phi Alpha

www.apa1906.org

Founded: December 4, 1906
at Cornell University

Date Chartered at Nicholls: March 22, 1975

Chapter Name: Kappa Mu

Colors: Black and Old Gold

Symbol: Sphinx

Flower: Yellow Rose

National Projects: Go to High School, Go to College

Nickname: Alphas

Motto: "First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All"



Alpha Kappa Alpha

www.aka1908.org

Founded: January 15, 1908
at Howard University

Date Chartered at Nicholls: April 15, 1990

Chapter Name: Pi Alpha

Colors: Salmon Pink and Apple Green

Symbol: Ivy

Flower: Pink Tea Rose

National Projects: National Volunteer Day

Nickname: AKA

Motto: "By Culture and By Merit"



Delta Sigma Theta

www.deltasigmatheta.org

Founded: January 13, 1913
at Howard University

Date Chartered at Nicholls: February 9, 1979

Chapter Name: Xi Theta

Colors: Crimson and Cream

Symbol: Elephant (unofficial)

Flower: Violet

National Projects: Dr. Betty Shabazz
Delta Academy

Nickname: Delta, DST

Motto: "Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom"



Kappa Alpha Psi

www.kappaalphapsi1911.com



Founded: January 5, 1911 at Indiana University

Date Chartered at Nicholls: September 16, 1983

Chapter Name: Lambda Sigma

Colors: Crimson and Cream

Flower: Carnation

Nickname: Kappa, NUPE

National Projects: Guide Right, Prostate Cancer Awareness

Motto: "Achievement in every field of human endeavor"



Omega Psi Phi

www.omegapsiphifraternity.org

Founded: November 17, 1911 at Howard University

Date Chartered at Nicholls: Fall 1978

Chapter Name: Omega Kappa

Nickname: Omegas, Ques

Colors: Royal Purple and Old Gold

Motto: "Friendship is Essential to the Soul"

Phi Beta Sigma

www.pbs1914.org

Founded: January 9, 1914

Date Chartered at Nicholls: 1976

Chapter Name: Nu Alpha

Colors: Royal Blue and Pearl White

Nickname: Sigmas

Motto: "Culture for Service; Service for Humanity"



Panhellenic is the governing body of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) sororities on campus. They organize and direct recruitment and other events including community service projects and fundraisers. There are a total of 26 national sororities that are members of the National Panhellenic Conference of which we have 3 at Nicholls.

2008 Fall Recruitment will be held on August 14th through bid day on the 17th. You can register online for recruitment and find the detailed schedule for recruitment posted on the Greek Life website at www.nicholls.edu/greek. All enrollee must have a 2.5 GPA from either high school or college (whichever is more recent) and pay a \$25 fee.

Delta Zeta

www.deltazeta.org

Founded: October 24, 1902 at Miami University

Date Chartered at Nicholls: May 10, 1968

Chapter Name: Kappa Alpha

Colors: Rose and Green

Symbol: Turtle

Flower: Killarny Rose

Philanthropy: Better Speech and Hearing & Painting Turtle Camp

Motto: "Behold the turtle; she only makes progress when she sticks her neck out."



Phi Mu

www.phimu.org

Founded: March 4, 1852 in Macon, Georgia

Date Chartered at Nicholls: February 25, 1967

Chapter Name: Kappa Eta

Colors: Rose and White

Symbol: Lion

Flower: Rose Carnation

Philanthropy: Children's Miracle Network

Motto: "Les Soeurs Fideles"



Sigma Sigma Sigma

www.sigmasigmasigma.org

Founded: April 20, 1898 at Longwood College

Date Chartered at Nicholls: 1967

Chapter Name: Gamma Pi

Colors: Royal Purple and White

Symbol: Sailboat (national) and teddy bear (local)

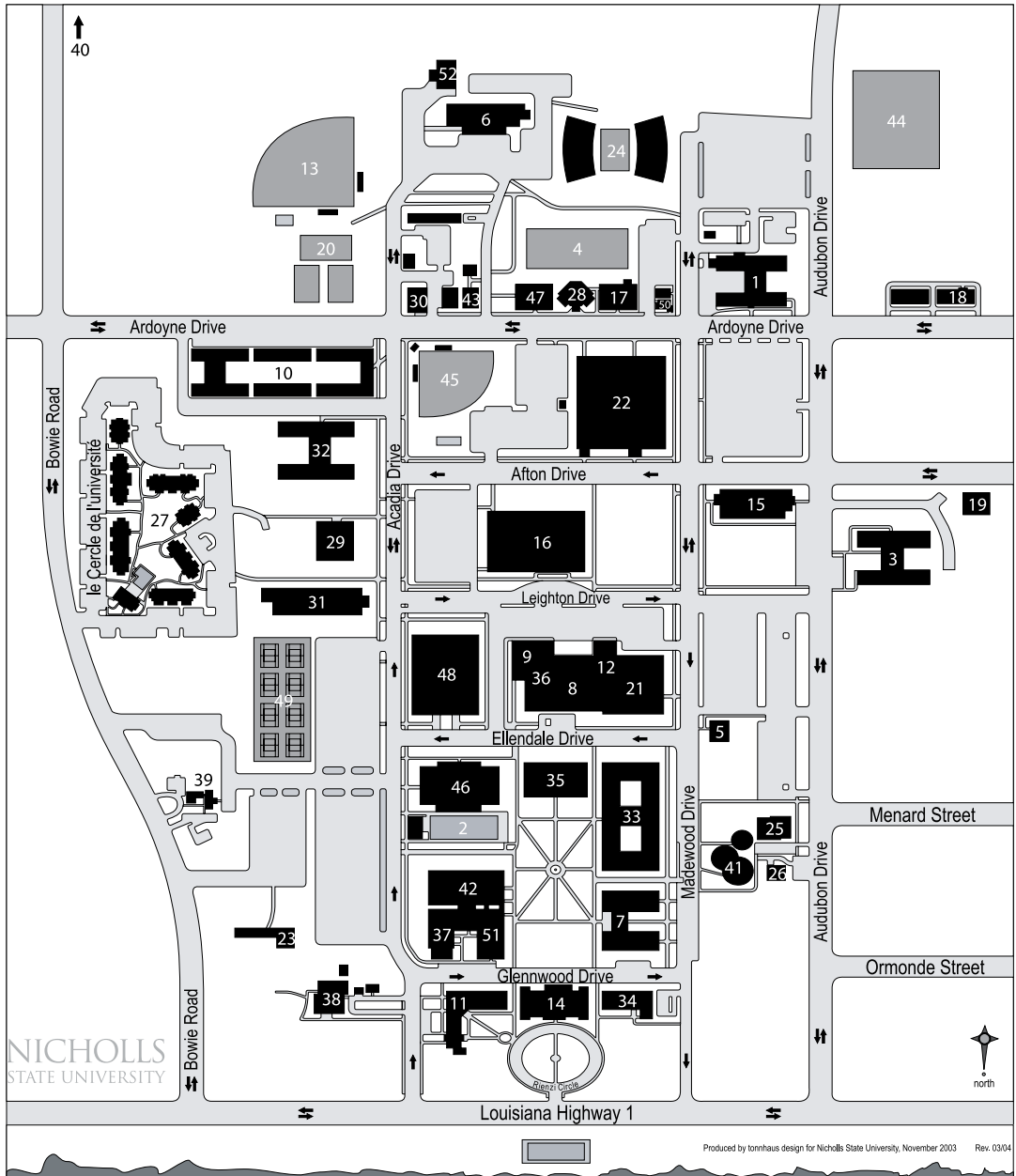
Flower: Purple Violet

Philanthropy: Robbie Page Memorial

Nickname: Tri-Sigma

Motto: "Faithful Unto Death"





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| 1. Ayo Hall | 12. Cotillion Ballroom | 23. Greenhouse | 34. Picciola Hall | 45. Softball Field |
| 2. Ayo Swimming Pool | 13. Didier Field (Baseball) | 24. Guidry Stadium | 35. Polk Hall | 46. Stopher Gymnasium |
| 3. Babington Hall | 14. Elkins Hall | 25. Historical Research Center D.H.T. | 36. Post Office | 47. Student Publications & Printing |
| 4. Band Practice Field | 15. Ellender Hall | 26. James Alumni House | 37. Powell Hall | 48. Talbot Hall |
| 5. Baptist Student Center | 16. Ellender Memorial Library | 27. La Maison du Bayou | 38. President's Residence | 49. Tennis Courts |
| 6. Barker Hall and Annex | 17. Family and Consumer Sciences | 28. Lindsley Hall (Music Annex) | 39. Pupil Appraisal Center L.P.S.B. | 50. University Police |
| 7. Beauregard Hall | 18. Family Housing | 29. Long Hall | 40. Safety and Environmental Building | (Information Center) |
| 8. Bollinger Student Union | 19. Family Service Center | 30. Maintenance Buildings | 41. St. Thomas Aquinas Center (Chapel) | 51. White Hall |
| 9. Bookstore | 20. Football Practice Field | 31. Meade Hall | 42. Shaver Gymnasium | 52. Chabert Hall |
| 10. Calecas Hall | 21. Galliano Hall (Cafeteria) | 32. Millet/Zeringue Hall | 43. SLEC / Region III Service Center | |
| 11. Candies Hall | 22. Gouaux Hall | 33. Peltier Hall | 44. Soccer Field | |

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High School Attended _____

Graduation Date _____ HS Cum GPA _____

Previous Colleges Attended (if any) _____ College Cum. GPA _____

Check One: Freshman Transfer Student (yr.____) Continuing Student (yr.____)

If you have any relatives that are members of Greek organizations please list them below including name, relationship and Greek affiliation.

I understand that I must be a full-time student in good standing at Nicholls State University in order to participate in the recruitment / intake process. I am also aware that information provided in this application may be shared with individual fraternity / sorority chapters.

Signature _____ Date _____

NPC Recruitment Dates: August 14-17, 2008***IFC Recruitment Dates: August 25-29, 2008******NPHC Joint Interest Meeting: August 25, 2008***

If you are interested in attending NPC or IFC Recruitment or the NPHC Joint Interest Meeting, please visit our website at www.nicholls.edu/greek and click on the appropriate button to register.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in NPC Sororities | <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in NPHC Sororities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in IFC Fraternities | <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in NPHC Fraternities |

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