

Spring 2020 Greek New Member Process UPDATE

Dear William Paterson University Greek Community,

Due to University's response to the COVID-19 virus <https://www.wpunj.edu/covid19/index.html> we understand your concerns about how this may affect your new member process. Campus Activities, Service & Leadership (CASL) staff want to provide updated information and options for your new member education process and plans.

- 1. As per our Greek New Member Organization Policy all new member processes are required to be held on-campus** <https://www.wpunj.edu/campus-activities/greek-life/Greek%20Organization%20New%20Member%20Education%20Policy-Revised%2012-3-18.pdf><https://www.wpunj.edu/campus-activities/greek-life/Greek%20Organization%20New%20Member%20Education%20Policy-Revised%2012-3-18.pdf>. Therefore, no new member activities can take place off campus. Considering recent Centers for Disease Control recommendations regarding social distancing, we highly discourage group activities.
- 2. You should consult with your national office as soon as possible to discuss options to complete your process via virtual tools such as Microsoft Teams, Zoom, etc.** I have been in contact with the regional/district leaders of your organizations and mostly all have indicated that your potential new members can complete virtually. If an organization needs to complete a ritual ceremony after inducting their members, Tristan and Myranda will work with that organization to identify a date either over the summer or in the Fall 2020 semester, assuming we have been cleared to have face-to-face events on-campus. Please understand that things may change as we are continuously receiving new information and directives from university officials.
- 3. All organizations are encouraged to complete their process as soon as possible, however the deadline to complete a new member process is now May 2, 2020.** Upon completing your process, **New Member Educators MUST:**
 - add the names of newly inducted members onto their Pioneer Life roster, and
 - send Myranda and Tristan the names of **ALL inducted members** and the **date of their completion**. **This information must be received by May 3, 2020.**

Organizations that are not able to complete their new member process via virtual tools, must contact the Greek advisors as soon as possible, and will not be able to complete a new member process this semester.

- 4. Due to limited time, locations and concerns regarding COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, all new member presentations and coming out shows are cancelled.** No

new member presentations will be approved for the remainder of the spring 2020 semester.

5. Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Miranda or Tristan via email to assist you to create a plan to conclude your process.

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