



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 14, 2019  
**TO:** (Inter) National and Local Fraternity and Sorority Community  
**FROM:** Megan Ceppi, Coordinator of Fraternity & Sorority Life, Student Life & Leadership  
**SUBJECT:** CSU San Marcos Expansion

Student Life & Leadership has initiated steps to grow the current community by convening the Fraternity/Sorority Expansion Committee with a charge to conduct an expansion process during the 2019-2020 academic year. California State University San Marcos is a public, four-year institution, located in North County San Diego, CA which enrolls approximately 15,000 undergraduates. The institution has experienced rapid growth and in July 2019, we welcomed the fourth University President, Dr. Ellen J. Neufeldt. She has a strong commitment to college student development and a passion for the social mobility of the CSUSM student. Part of the California State University system, CSUSM is poised for continual future growth based on its proximity to San Diego, Riverside, and Orange Counties and our campus location in Temecula.

There are currently fourteen chapters in our fraternity & sorority community with approximately 600 members and three new chapters joining the community in 2019-2020. The fraternity & sorority community makes up approximately 5% percent of CSUSM's undergraduate student population. The Greek Leadership Council acts as programmatic body for the fraternity & sorority community. The University community has five core values: integrity, intellectual engagement, innovation, inclusiveness and community. Additionally, our fraternity & sorority community has six pillars of excellence: leadership development, intellectual development, service to others & community impact, diversity & inclusion, FSL community development & lifelong membership, and chapter operations & organizational standards. We are looking for organizations that will share a commitment to upholding these values and pillars. For further information about our fraternity & sorority community, visit: [www.csusm.edu/sll/greek](http://www.csusm.edu/sll/greek)

The CSUSM Fraternity/Sorority Feasibility Committee has made the recommendation that this expansion process prioritize the following organization types when considering new groups (based on interest, campus demographics, and the current makeup of our community):

- National APIDA Panhellenic Association Sorority or Asian Pacific Islander Sorority
- National Pan-Hellenic Council Sorority
- National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations, Inc., Sorority or Latina Sorority
- National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations, Inc., Fraternity or Latino Fraternity

Due to the expedited timeline, exploratory visits will not be scheduled. Fifteen-minute phone calls may be scheduled with the Coordinator for Fraternity & Sorority Life.

The CSUSM Fraternity/Sorority Initial Request for Expansion document and required application materials can be found online: <http://www.csusm.edu/sll/greek/expansion.html>

**Application materials must be received by November 11, 2019 to be considered by the committee.**

Please submit the complete application to:

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Megan Ceppi, Coordinator of Fraternity & Sorority Life, via e-mail [mcurran@csusm.edu](mailto:mcurran@csusm.edu)

A hardcopy may be mailed, but an electronic version must be submitted.

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The committee will convene to review all applications shortly following the deadline. We anticipate that invitations for on-campus presentations (or via conference call) will be sent out by February and scheduled in March, with notification of decision regarding invitations in May. Given the quick timeline for this expansion process, exploratory visits will not be scheduled.

If there are any further questions or concerns feel free to contact Megan Ceppi, Coordinator of Fraternity & Sorority Life, at [mcurran@csusm.edu](mailto:mcurran@csusm.edu). We hope you will consider becoming a part of our fraternity & sorority community at CSU San Marcos.