Dear Greek Member,

On behalf of the Greek community, the Greek Governing Council Presidents would like to welcome you back to school and wish you the best of luck with classes this Fall. As we also welcome new members to our campus, we would like to educate you about the resources that our Councils and the University have in place to ensure a safe and enriching experience.

In an effort to empower students to create cultural change, we would like to highlight our first resource, the online hazing prevention program <u>Prevent.Zone</u>, which is available at no cost to UA Greek affiliated students. The Greek Councils have partnered with <u>HazingPrevention.Org</u>, the national leader in hazing prevention education and resources, to provide a suite of online courses created with the specific purpose of educating students about current safety issues. The first program is specifically tailored to The University of Alabama, and will be available to all Greek members. *Hazing Prevention: It's Everyone's Responsibility™*, is an evidence-based online course designed to teach college/university students how to recognize, prevent and report hazing. As a supplement to the first course, *The Fraternity & Sorority Life Module* offers a more in depth look at community issues with the intent of promoting real conversations and identifying practical solutions, and this program will be targeted towards chapter leadership.

While our goal is to eliminate hazing from our community through preventative measures, we want to ensure that the methods for reporting are accessible. The Hazing and Harassment Hotline, which connects to a third party vendor, is confidential and callers may remain anonymous if they wish. The hotline can be reached by calling **(205) 348-HALT** and is available 24 hours a day. You may also choose to report hazing through the Hazing Report Form, which can be found on the Student Life Hazing Prevention webpage (https://hazingprevention.sa.ua.edu/how-to-report/).

Next, we have The University of Alabama Police Department (UAPD) whose goal is to "provide a safe and secure environment for all members of our community." UAPD is the first line of responders in the reporting process, so if you are aware of or feel that there may be any current or ongoing hazing you can contact them at any time by calling (205) 348-5454. We also encourage you to download and utilize the <u>UA Safety App</u>, which "provides students and employees with immediate access to information in case of an emergency. Features of the app include a built-in GPS to every campus building and shelter locations, AEDs and safety guidelines for potential hazards." This app is available for both iOS and Android devices.

One of the most important resources our campus has to offer is the UA Counseling Center. The University of Alabama's Counseling Center can provide any additional support, as well as general counseling, counseling for mental health, programming for organizations, and a variety of other resources. It is located just past the Law School on Bryant Drive, and staff can be reached at (205) 348-3863.

As leaders of the Greek Community, we care about you and your experience here at The University of Alabama. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions about how to access our online hazing prevention program or about any of the additional resources mentioned above.

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