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Dear Wake Forest University Parents/Guardians,

With spring semester just around the corner, I am writing to share information with you about the sorority recruitment process and answer some frequently asked questions. Let me begin by first expressing my excitement for your daughter as she goes through the process of exploring membership in a fraternal organization. This is a thrilling yet challenging process, and I wish the best for your daughter.

Sorority recruitment takes place January 9-13, 2014. The residence halls will open on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 9am for women to move in early for the recruitment process. Later that evening, at 6pm, sorority recruitment will kick off with an assembly and dinner. Four days of events will then follow, running Thursday through Sunday with bid distribution on Monday, January 13, 2014. Traveling significant distances may require some women to arrive in Winston-Salem on January 7, 2014. If this applies to your daughter, please note that she will need to secure her own housing for the night of January 7, 2014. If there are any concerns about travel, please contact me so we can discuss your specific situation. Additionally, it is important to note that our dining operations are limited during sorority recruitment. Along with this letter, you will also find the schedule for Dining Services.

In order to participate in recruitment, a woman must have a firm, minimum 2.50 cumulative grade point average and must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at Wake Forest University or her transferring institution. In an effort to be supportive of every student's academic career and the academic mission of the institution, we will not consider exceptions to the GPA requirement. We will be checking all GPAs during winter break. If your daughter is found to be ineligible for the process, she will receive an email notification from our office. We will make every effort to get these notifications out prior to January 1. However your daughter will have access to her cumulative GPA faster than our office so we strongly recommend double checking this information. If your daughter is ineligible for recruitment, she will also receive a \$30 refund which is a reimbursement for the early move in fee for the residence halls.

While recommendation letters are not required at Wake Forest, some women choose to send them to one or more chapters. If you are interested in sending in a recommendation, please visit the [recommendation letter page](#) on the Fraternity and Sorority Life website.

The recruitment process is successful for the majority of women who participate. However, it is important to recognize that your daughter is exploring membership in organizations that are selective and looking for women they feel best fit their experience. **In spring 2013, 416 women participated in sorority recruitment. 75% matched with a chapter, 19% withdrew themselves from the process (although they were still receiving invitations from one or more sororities) and 6% did not match with a chapter.** These statistics align with those of the past five years.

The recruitment process can be an exciting, yet emotional time for many women. We encourage every participant to keep an open mind throughout the process and greatly appreciate the emotional support

and stability you can provide as a family member. Some of the women that withdraw from sorority recruitment midstream regret that decision. You can help us by encouraging your daughter to see the process through. Not every woman will get invited back to her top one or two sororities, but that does not mean she cannot find great friends and sisterhood in the remaining groups. We hate to see women withdraw when, had they continued in the process, they might have been placed with a wonderful organization.

While we feel there is an organization for everyone, our statistics show that 1 out of every 4 women does not have their expectations met. Therefore, it can be beneficial to have a plan in case your daughter experiences disappointment. Coaching your daughter to develop an alternative plan for campus engagement will help her build resiliency if the plan needs to be enacted. Asking questions such as “what areas of interest do you have at Wake?” and “what makes Wake feel like home?” can be good to start the coaching process. Often women develop their alternative plan around future sorority recruitment opportunities. For the fall, a few sororities will have membership spots available. We will know which have these openings by summertime. Spring 2015 recruitment is also an option as upperclassmen will be considered separately from freshmen. Furthermore, we have over 150 student organizations to get involved in as well as a myriad of campus activities, committees and more.

There are several important resources for your daughter during and after sorority recruitment. One of these is her Greek Recruitment Counselor (GRC). These undergraduate women have elected to temporarily disassociate from their organizations to serve as advisors to potential new members. These women are selected through an application process and receive extensive training in order to serve as an advisor for your daughter. Training begins the semester before recruitment and includes education about recruitment policies and procedures, as well information from the University Counseling Center and Mentoring Center. If a woman is upset or disappointed after recruitment, we encourage her to consult with her GRC who has been trained to help students manage a range of reactions they may experience. GRCs are knowledgeable about campus resources that may be helpful to your student.

Additionally, we have assembled an outstanding group of female faculty and staff who can serve as excellent role models and mentors. If your daughter chooses to withdraw from sorority recruitment or is not matched to an organization, one of these women will be in contact with her to offer the support of Wake Forest. Finally, we work with partners throughout campus to offer excellent programming separate from recruitment. Information about these events will be available the week of recruitment and posted on our website.

We encourage you to review the resources on the Wake Forest University [Fraternity and Sorority Life](#) website, particularly the parent and recruitment pages. Additionally, the Wake Forest Parents Page has fantastic resources, including [Information for First Year Parents](#), [Greek Life Questions and Answers](#) and [Sorority Recruitment Q&A](#). Please feel free to contact us with any questions about the recruitment process, the sorority community or student organizations in general. We are here to help as much as possible.

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