



Fort Bend

Alumnae Panhellenic

How to Speak Greek

Active/Initiated Member - Any member who has gone through the initiation ceremony and is currently enrolled in college.

Alumna - A graduated member of a women's sorority/fraternity. Plural: Alumnae

Alum/Alumnus/Alumni - A graduated member(s) of a men's fraternity.

Bid - A formal invitation to become a member of a fraternity or sorority.

Big Sister - An older member assigned to assist a new member.

Chapter - Campus group of a national sorority.

Continuous Open Bidding (COB) - Informal recruitment whereby chapters who do not currently meet quota can continue to accept members throughout the academic year. Policy varies among universities.

Cross-Cut - Describes what happens to girls who remain unmatched with any of their Preference event choices of sororities at the end of Recruitment week. This list of girls is usually very small, but it does occur.

Deferred Recruitment - Formal Recruitment scheduled sometime after classes begin in the Fall or could be the second semester.

Dirty Rush - Conversation or activities started by an active toward a potential member that are clearly outside of Panhellenic rules

Early Release - A National Panhellenic policy requiring sororities to reduce an assigned percentage of potential members from each successive Recruitment event.

Fraternity - A men's Greek organization. Some sororities are identified as a fraternity in their official name; others describe themselves as being a "women's fraternity."

Greek Organization - A fraternity or sorority (social, honor, or professional).

Greeks - Members of a fraternity or sorority. The term Greek is used because a majority of fraternities and sororities use Greek letters to distinguish themselves.

Hazing - Any conduct that subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent. All National Panhellenic members have "No Hazing" policies and take strict actions against any chapter that participates in hazing activities.