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WELCOME

Good evening! Our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jackielyn Manning Campbell, and the Newburgh Free Academy Campuses, welcome our students, families, and community to the Newburgh Enlarged City School District's second annual HBCU and Greek Life Panel.

We are proud to say that our students across the NFA campuses, many who are members of The Black History Club and the P-Tech Program, helped lead the planning of this panel session with the guidance of NECSD educators.

This event, or should we say this celebration of culture and education, is an opportunity to learn about the rich history of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the work of Greek sororities and fraternities and their contributions to society, social movements in America, and the Black experience! Thank you for your support.

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AGENDA

HBCU & GREEK LIFE PANEL

Moderated by: NECSD Student Leaders

WELCOME ~ MUSIC ~ REFRESHMENTS

OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Anthony Williams, House Principal, P-Tech

BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Black History Club

DRUMMING CIRCLE

Safe Harbors

HBCU & GREEK LIFE OVERVIEW

NECSD Student Leaders

HOMECOMING EXPERIENCE

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INTRODUCTION OF GREEK LIFE PANEL

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CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Philip Howard, NECSD Board of Education

POETIC ENDING

Mayor Torrance Harvey

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WHAT ARE HBCUs?

Historically Black Colleges and Universities are institutions that were established prior to 1964. The primary mission of HBCUs is to educate Black Americans by providing access to higher education.

There are currently 107 HBCUs serving more than 228,000 students throughout the country. While HBCUs historically only served Black Students, nearly a quarter of students enrolled in HBCUs are non-Black. HBCUs can be public or private institutions. For more information about HBCUs visit:
hbcuconnect.com/colleges/

WHO ARE THE DIVINE 9?

The Divine Nine is a group of nine historically Black Greek-letter organizations. Each has different principles and missions that drive its members. Many members of the Divine Nine were influential in the American Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and 60s, and they continue to impact modern culture today through service, scholarship, and uplifting community.



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The DIVINE 9



1. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

With the aim of manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind, [Alpha Phi Alpha](#) fraternity is the first intercollegiate Greek-letter organization founded for Black men in the United States. Seven students at Cornell University started the organization on December 4, 1906. It started out as a study group.



2. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

[Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority](#), whose members are also known as the Ivies, is the oldest established Greek-letter organization for Black women. The organization started at Howard University on January 15, 1908. They aim to be of service to all mankind.



3. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

This organization focuses deeply on community service, with special emphasis on serving the Black community. [Delta Sigma Theta](#), founded on January 13, 1913, at Howard University, aims to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world.



4. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Also known as the Nupes, [Kappa Alpha Psi](#) has been dedicated to brotherhood and service in the Black community since its founding on January 5, 1911, at Indiana University Bloomington. It has two names, the other being Phi Nu Pi. The fraternity's motto is Achievement in Every Field of Human Endeavor.

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5. **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**
Founded on November 17, 1911, at Howard University, this organization is based on four principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. [Omega Psi Phi](#) aims to elevate its members and the Black community.



6. **Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.**
The only NPHC member fraternity with a constitutionally-bound sister Greek-letter organization — Zeta Phi Beta — [Phi Beta Sigma](#) was established on January 9, 1914, at Howard University. Its mission focuses on community service, building brotherhood, and promoting scholarship.



7. **Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.**
The sister organization to Phi Beta Sigma, [Zeta Phi Beta](#) sorority ideals include Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood and Finer Womanhood. Zeta Phi Beta, founded on January 16, 1920, at Howard University, prides itself on achieving a legacy of excellence.



8. **Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.**
[Sigma Gamma Rho](#) is the only Black sorority founded at a predominantly white institution, Butler University in Indiana. Founded on November 12, 1922, its mission is to better women's lives through community service, civil, and social action.



9. **Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.**
Founded during the Civil Rights movement on September 19, 1963, at Morgan State University, [Iota Phi Theta](#) fraternity was the last member admitted to the National Pan-Hellenic Council. They have a long history of social service. The organization is dedicated to making meaningful contributions to society, with special emphasis on doing so in the Black community.

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GREEK ALPHABET

Α	Β	Γ	Δ	Ε	Ζ
Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Epsilon	Zeta
Η	Θ	Ι	Κ	Λ	Μ
Eta	Theta	Iota	Kappa	Lambda	Mu
Ν	Ξ	Ο	Π	Ρ	Σ
Nu	Xi	Omicron	Pi	Rho	Sigma
Τ	Υ	Φ	Χ	Ψ	Ω
Tau	Upsilon	Phi	Chi	Psi	Omega

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TERMS TO KNOW

ACTIVE: The term used to indicate a fraternity man or sorority woman who has been formally initiated by his or her chapter.

ALUMNI: An initiated member who is no longer an undergraduate student.

BROTHER/SISTER: Term used by active members in a fraternity/ sorority when referring to each other.

CALLS: A unique vocal expression attributed to an organization. Calls are special to members and should not be replicated by non- members.

CHAPTER: The men or women comprising each local collegiate group of a national fraternity or sorority.

COLONY: A new fraternity or sorority that is working to receive a charter from the national organization to which it is affiliated. When a charter is received, they become a chapter of that national organization.

CROSSING: A term used to indicate that a new member has been fully initiated into a group.

DIVINE NINE: There are nine historically Black Greek-letter organizations (BGLOs) that comprise the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Collectively, these organizations are referred to as "The Divine Nine." Each of these fraternities and sororities is rich in history.

FRATER: Another term used to refer to one's fraternity brother.

FRATERNITY/SORORITY: A group of men/women bonded together for educational and social purposes. Each strives to provide a point of reference from which each individual can evaluate his/her own desires and achievements as well as his/her own feelings of worth as a contributing member.

GRADUATE ADVISOR/CHAPTER: An individual or group of alumni working to advise the local undergraduate chapter; this group is affiliated with the national organization and not the university.

HAND SIGN: A symbol or gesture made with the hands to signify an organization. Hand signs are special to members and should not be replicated by non-members.

HAZING: A negative form of conduct that focuses on mistreating, demeaning or otherwise degrading the personal worth of another individual. Hazing is prohibited by all national fraternities, the State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University and the OSU fraternity and sorority community.

INFORMATIONAL: A forum for individuals interested in seeking more information about a particular fraternity or sorority.

INITIATION: The formal ceremonies, or ritual, by which new members complete membership into a chapter and receive full membership privileges.

TERMS TO KNOW

INTAKE OR MEMBERSHIP INTAKE: The term groups use to bring new members into an organization. Each Multicultural Greek Council and National Pan-hellenic Council group determines when they will conduct intake. Each group can be assisted in this process by their graduate chapter and/or graduate advisor. In general, MGC and NPHC groups require sophomore status and a 2.5 cumulative GPA for someone to go through intake.

LEGACY: Someone whose mother, father, sister or brother are members of a particular group. Some consider an aunt or an uncle a legacy also. **LINE:** Group of individuals going through the membership intake process. Another term is new member class.

LINE BROTHER/SISTER: Members who went through the membership intake process together.

NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS: The governing organization of a fraternity/sorority.

NEOPHYTE: A term some organizations use to refer to a new member of a fraternity or sorority.

NEOPHYTE SHOW/NEW MEMBER PRESENTATION/ PROBATE: Interchangeable terms used to describe the public announcement of the newest members' crossing (initiation).

NEW MEMBER: A potential member who has accepted the bid of a fraternity or sorority and has taken the first step toward full membership, but has not yet crossed.

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL (NPHC): The governing organization of the nine historically African-American Greek-letter organizations. This acronym also refers to the local governing council of an institution.

PHILANTHROPY: Charitable projects or donations sponsored by a fraternity or sorority.

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER: An unaffiliated man or woman who participates in intake.

RITUAL: The activity by which a fraternity or sorority brings into membership its new members who have met initiation requirements; the traditionally secret ceremonies of a fraternity or sorority.

SOROR: Another term used to refer to one's sorority sister.

STROLLING: Organization members move together in a line expressing pride for their organization. In this line, members may express their pride through use of their organization's call, sign or historical information, ritual/custom dances, etc. All of this is done through movements that are unique to a particular organization and should not be mimicked.

NOTES

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