



It's Greek to Me!

Moving to college brings many new adventures...a new environment, new friends and definitely new words. In an effort to keep you on the cutting edge of your new vocabulary, we want to give you an opportunity to familiarize yourself with some Chi Omega Terminology.

Governing Council

The Governing Council is an elected five-member Council that formulates policy and oversees growth and development on a national level.

- S.H: National President
- S.T.B: National Vice President
- S.K.A: National Secretary
- S.N.V: National Treasurer
- S.M: National Alumnae Officer

Chapter Officers (Executive Board)

- G.H: Chapter President
- G.T.B: Chapter Vice President
- G.K.A: Chapter Secretary
- G.N.V: Chapter Treasurer
- G.M: Chapter New Member Educator
- Personnel Chair, Recruitment Chair, Panhellenic Delegate

Alumna...plural Alumnae (ae — long e)

A sorority member (feminine) who is no longer in college

Alumnae Advisory Board

The board of Chi Omega alumnae who volunteer their time to work with a chapter and provide leadership and continuity

Alumnus...plural Alumni (I — long I)

A fraternity member (masculine) who is no longer in college

Bid Day

The day each sorority welcomes new members.

Big Sister

An active member who serves as a friend and confidante to a new member - She is paired with a new member known as her little sister. This person may or may not be one of the little sister's owl pals.

Cardinal Cabinet

A vehicle through which all members may be involved in the chapter's programming – Six directors each lead a team of chapter members. The G.K.A. (chapter secretary) oversees the Cardinal Cabinet.

Centennial

The 1995 celebration of Chi Omega's 100th anniversary - Centennial is the celebration of a chapter's 100th anniversary.

Chi O Creations (COC)

A boutique that markets official Chi Omega sports wear and memorabilia to our members - proceeds are returned to the Fraternity to underwrite educational programming for our members.

Chi Omega Badge

Chi Omega's badge is a monogram of the Greek letter "Chi" superimposed over the Greek letter "Omega" in raised gold or silver. Each Initiated member purchases a badge.

Chi Omega Crest

Chi Omega's crest was adopted in 1902. The crest portrays emblems known and loved by Chi Omegas.

Chi Omega Foundation

The fundraising organization of Chi Omega. Its purpose is to underwrite leadership, educational, and charitable programs. The Foundation is able to assist members with scholarships, grants, and leadership programs. Our Foundation provides the helping hand to sisters to complete their education, to become vital community members, and to ultimately serve Chi Omega as role models and leaders.

Chi Omega Fraternity Policies

Chi Omega's policies are public documents and designed to administer the business of the Fraternity, establish a standard of conduct for members, communicate member responsibilities and expectations, foster friendly relations with university administrators and faculty, and protect each member's safety. The policies and rules are binding on initiated members and new members.

The Eleusis

The official magazine of Chi Omega Fraternity - Members automatically receive a lifetime subscription!

Executive Headquarters

Chi Omega's national office where all Fraternity business is conducted. Located in Memphis, Tennessee, the Executive Headquarters is also the home of the Chi Omega Foundation, Chi O Creations, and the Fraternity's National Archives.

House Corporation Board

Chi Omega alumnae who manage the material assets of a chapter

Initiation

A ceremony new members experience upon completion of the New Member Program where the secrets of Chi Omega are revealed

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

The governing body of male fraternities on a college/university campus

Legacy

A Chi Omega legacy is a sister or a daughter of a Chi Omega in good standing. Granddaughters, cousins, and nieces of Chi Omegas have close ties but are not legacies to Chi Omega. Someone whose sister and mother are in the same or in two different Chi Omega chapters may be referred to as a double legacy.

Membership Recruitment Acceptance Agreement

The card a chapter completes formally inviting a Potential New Member to join the sorority. The card is usually placed in an envelope, alphabetized by Potential New Member last name, and sent to Panhellenic Bid Matching. Formally called bid card.

National Consultants

Chi Omega alumnae who assist chapters with leadership and educational programming
- Every chapter is visited by one of the National Consultants at least once each year.

New Member Pin

Chi Omega's new member pin is a black enamel oval edged with gold. The Greek letters Chi and Omega are in the center. Each new member receives a new member pin during her new member period. Once the new member is initiated, she replaces the new member pin for the Chi Omega badge.

New Member Program

A framework that assures new members are welcomed into the Chi Omega and educated on the Fraternity's history, purposes, expectations, and lifetime benefits of membership

National Panhellenic Conference (NPC)

A membership conference composed of 26 women's fraternities that was established to foster Panhellenic relations, to assist collegiate chapter of member groups, to cooperate with colleges and universities in maintaining high social and scholastic standards and to create a forum for discussion of common concerns.

Owl Pal

An active member assigned to a new member on a weekly basis at the beginning of her new member experience

Panhellenic Council

The governing body of women's fraternities on the college/university campus- Panhellenic is committed to Greek unity and cooperation.

Potential New Member (PNM)

Any woman interested in becoming a sorority member who is matriculated and is eligible according to Panhellenic requirements to participate in recruitment

Prelude to Initiation

Activities and ceremonies preceding initiation

Recruitment

A time during which new members are selected

Recruitment Information Form (RIF)

A form completed by a Chi Omega alumna in good standing and sent to active chapters - A RIF signed by duly authorized Chi Omega alumnae is prerequisite to pledging. A RIF is a means of documenting that a Potential New Member demonstrates the purposes of Chi Omega Fraternity. The active chapter is obligated to consider Potential New Members who have alumnae support.

Sisterhood Support Team (SST)

A personal support system for the new members - one SST member is responsible for a group of ten new members. The purpose behind the Sisterhood Support Team is to provide each new member a network of support.

Six Purposes

The six ideals that guide the direction of all of Chi Omega's programming - Those purposes are Friendship, High Standards of Personnel, Sincere Learning and Creditable Scholarship, Participation in Campus Activities, Career Development, and Community Service.