

December 20, 2023

Dear Parents and Families,

We hope this message finds you doing well and that you are looking forward to spending time with your loved ones and friends over the holidays. We are excited that your student is interested in participating in the [Interfraternity Council's](#) (IFC) recruitment process at SMU and look forward to seeing them in a few weeks. This letter outlines important information about the formal process in which your student is registered to participate next month.

IFC is the governing council of ten fraternity chapters at SMU, many of which are affiliated with the [North-American Interfraternity Conference](#) (NIC). IFC as a collective body stands to promote the fraternal experience through inter-fraternal collaboration, personal and professional development, and the betterment of the community. Residential Commons will open on January 5, 2024, but students will not need to return to campus for IFC recruitment until **Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Students participating in IFC recruitment should communicate their return date with their residential commons.

For men registered to participate in recruitment, these dates are important:

Saturday, January 13, 2024: Orientation & First Round

Sunday, January 14-Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Invitational Events

Saturday, January 20, 2024: Bid Day

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Students interested in joining one of our fraternities or sororities must meet the following eligibility requirements:

First-year students must have completed and passed at least 12 college credit hours in the previous semester to join (defined as fall or spring term); may have completed at a previous institution. Upper-class students must have a demonstrated ability to meet this requirement.

Achieved a 2.5 GPA, cumulatively and in the previous semester.

Not be placed on conduct probation or higher with the Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards at any point in the current or previous semester to joining or

made to contact students prior to winter break, but pending grade submissions, this may take place in early January.

### **Managing Expectations**

The recruitment process can be an exciting time. It can also be disappointing for some. Approximately 500 students participate in the IFC recruitment process at SMU, and about 80% will receive a formal bid to join a

any questions about the recruitment process, so please do not hesitate to contact us. Adam Joiner, Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life, is the IFC advisor. His office phone number is 214-768-5281 and his email address is [ajoiner@smu.edu](mailto:ajoiner@smu.edu).

We look forward to welcoming all our students back next month and hope your student has a fun and engaging experience during recruitment week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley Fitzpatrick", is written over a light purple rectangular background.

**Ashley Fitzpatrick**

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