Frequently Asked Questions about Joining a Sorority

What is the Panhellenic Council at Michigan Tech?
The Panhellenic Council, or Panhel, is the governing body of the eight sororities at Michigan Tech. They sponsor various events for the sororities, including philanthropy and community service. They provide great resources to the sororities to help them grow and develop.

What sororities exist at Michigan Tech?
Michigan Tech is proud to have eight sororities. Four chapters are local and four are national/international chapters. Local sororities are those that were founded at Michigan Tech and are only located here. National/international sororities have chapters at many colleges all over the United States and world.

Local Sororities:
- Alpha Delta Alpha
- Alpha Xi Zeta
- Theta Chi Epsilon
- Phi Delta Chi

National/International Sororities:
- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Alpha Sigma Tau
- Delta Zeta
- Delta Phi Epsilon

What is Formal Recruitment?
Formal Sorority Recruitment, or FSR, is a series of events that allows women the opportunity to learn more about all eight sororities while also giving the sororities a chance to get to know you. FSR takes place each year in September and it ends with what is called Bid Night.

What is Bid Night?
A bid is a sorority’s offer to you to join their organization. After you’ve had a chance to learn about the sororities and their values, meet their members, and visit their houses, you’ll get to list your top two preferences for which sororities you’d want to join. If a sorority that you listed as a preference offers you a bid, you then “match” with them. Bid Night allows the sororities to know which organization’s bid you accept and is a celebration of your commitment.

Do I have to join a sorority if I go through FSR?
Not at all! Our sororities are all very unique and different, and if you feel connected with one then you certainly can join them. Some women do choose to go through Formal Recruitment without joining a sorority at the end, and this is okay! FSR can still provide you with an opportunity to meet the sororities and get a feel for the process.

How long is FSR?
FSR is usually about a week and a half long. There are several optional events before the kick-off that allow you to learn more, meet some members of the Panhellenic Council, and ask any questions that you may have.

Is there a dress code for FSR?
No – Please dress comfortable and casual! A few of the events toward the end of FSR may ask you to dress up a little more, but you will be told of this in advance.
How much does membership in a sorority cost?
Each sorority is different and the costs vary quite a bit. Many organizations have payment plans and scholarships available. During FSR, you will learn about each sorority’s costs and ask any specific questions you may have.

What is a Rho Gamma?
A Rho Gamma is a sorority woman who has disaffiliated from her organization for over a month to help you find your fit in a sorority. By giving up her letters during this time, the Rho Gamma’s goal is to be a neutral resource for you during FSR and serve as your recruitment guide. The Rho Gammas will answer any questions you may have about joining a sorority.

Why should I join a sorority?
Joining a Greek organization opens the doors to many opportunities. There are many ways for you to gain leadership experience by helping your sorority function. Sororities also stress the importance of academics through study groups, tutoring, and mentoring. Some women also see job opportunities thanks to the connections that their sorority has provided them. Many recruiters also know how much time management, conflict resolution, and leadership experiences you receive by being a part of a sorority.

What about the stereotypes I’ve heard about?
Forget about what you’ve heard about in the media and just give the sororities here a chance. Sororities at Michigan Tech are all very diverse, and all of them place a significant focus on academics. School comes first for sorority women at Michigan Tech.

What about Hazing?
Michigan Tech has a strict policy about hazing, as it is not tolerated. All sororities and fraternities receive education about hazing, and the dangers are also stressed during Greek New Member Orientation each semester. The Greek organizations at Michigan Tech strive to help you develop and grow while becoming more confident and comfortable with yourself. Hazing does nothing but hurt an organization and its members, and it has no place within Greek Life. (For the complete hazing policy, please see http://www.mtu.edu/conduct/policies/student-conduct/hazing/.)

What else are fraternity men and sorority women involved in at Michigan Tech?
All sorts of organizations and jobs! Just some of the examples are:
- Residence Life (Resident Assistant, Reception Desk Staff, etc.)
- Huskies Pep Band
- Orientation Team Leaders
- Professional Honor Societies
- Residence Hall Councils
- Tour Guides
- Young Women Leaders Program
- Teaching Assistants
- Other Campus Jobs (IT Help Desk, Dining Services, Athletics, etc.)

Who can I contact for more questions?
If you still have questions, feel free to email Angelena, the 2015 Vice President of Recruitment, at amcrispo@mtu.edu.