

BUILDING THE IDEAL NEW MEMBER PROGRAM

Week 1 Focus on history

- Have new members select an area of chapter history about which they will research and write an essay. Have new members present a PPT about the organization's history. Play Jeopardy. Invite a sorority new member class over to see the presentation.

Week 2 Focus on education

- Conduct programs on time management, study skills, university resources, etc.
- Have study tables for both new members and actives.
- Establish a peer-mentoring study program.
- Implement a weekly, written, academic progress report

Week 3 Focus on brotherhood/sisterhood

- Have an all-chapter teambuilding and goal-setting retreat.
- Have a sports competition between new member classes.

Week 4 Focus on awareness

- Have seminars on risk management, sexual assault, health issues, conflict management, alcohol and other drugs, etc.
- Help new members understand all university policies and procedures.

Week 5 Focus on service

- Have new members organize a community service event for the entire chapter.
- Have community members share the importance of community service & philanthropy.

Week 6 Focus on leadership

- Have a leadership development program for new members.
- Have chapter officers share what their responsibilities include.
- Have new members set long-term goals for the chapter which they can help realize.

Week 7 Focus on values

- Have members facilitate a discussion with new members about the meaning of creed, ritual, founding values and principles.
- Have brothers share what the chapter means to them through pass-the-gavel-type activities.
- Invite alumni back to share what the fraternity means to them beyond college.