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EGLS 2026

EGLS stands for the Emerging Greek Leadership Summit. This event is held every year for every new member of each chapter to gain experience on different topics important to the FSL community. Through small and large group activities and discussions, everyone gets the chance to work with different chapters to grow and become better members and leaders of the community. Some activities and discussions include a Get-to-Know-You Bingo, the Maze, and recruitment workshops. EGLS focuses on improving leadership skills and confidence in members to help them grow in not only their chapters, but also throughout the Ashland University community. Led by the EGLS Coordinators, Lauren Bartlett of Delta Zeta and Wyatt Jones of Phi Kappa Psi, the new members learned some of the complexities that come with running a chapter. The new members simulated scenarios that are common amongst the FSL community so that they may better understand how to deal with future situations as they become leaders in their chapters.



A Special Thanks to President Peede

The participants of EGLS had the distinct privilege of having the President of Ashland University speak to them about his time as a Fraternity member and how that impacted his path in college and beyond. Dr. Peede expressed how important brotherhood and sisterhood are to a person as they become an alumnus. Dr. Peede recalled how, even after not communicating with some of his Fraternity brothers for decades, he can still reach out and know that they will have his back. We would like to thank Dr. Peede for taking time out of busy schedule to speak to the new members of FSL!





FSL Pack the House Night



On February 26th, members of the FSL community showed their school and Greek spirit at the Ashland University double-header basketball games. Both the Men's and Women's teams played the number one ranked team, Walsh University. Members from all chapters were in attendance to support the Eagles. Alpha Delta Pi's own Gabrielle O'Brien sang the National Anthem before the Men's game, which was themed as Military Appreciation Night, honoring members of our Armed Services by presenting the nation's colors during the Anthem. We are always happy to support our Eagles!

Wear it Wednesday

Every Wednesday, the members of the FSL community have the opportunity to show off their chapter spirit. Many FSL members wear their Fraternity or Sorority letters to show they are a part of our community. When members wear their "letters," they are wearing a shirt, hat, or other clothing that has the Greek letters of their organization. Wearing letters shows a sense of pride for the organization. When the members of the community "Wear it Wednesday", they have the opportunity to show nonmembers the FSL community and open the door for conversations about how to join. This day is also a day of unity for many of our members. They enjoy getting together on Wednesdays in their respective chapter's merchandise to take pictures to show off their Fraternity and Sorority. To be in a chapter matters deeply to all of our members, and we take pride in wearing our letters!





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Greek Week 2026

Ashland University's annual Greek Week once again brought together the seven fraternity and sorority chapters on campus for a week of competition, collaboration, and community. The program highlighted the unity of FSL while allowing each chapter to show its spirit through a variety of games and activities. Throughout the week, the chapters participated in a range of events designed to encourage teamwork and friendly rivalry. This year's competition featured several exciting additions, including Just Dance, Pickleball, and Mud Pit Tug-o-War! These new events quickly became favorites among participants and spectators alike, especially Mud Pit Tug-o-War. This event was inspired by a photo of Greek Week 1988 that is displayed on the second floor of the Student Center. Bringing back this event showcases FSL's ability to connect alumni traditions to improve on our current Greek Week events!



Greek Week 1988



Greek Week 2026

Alongside these competitive events, Greek Week also included our pillars of scholarship and service! Throughout the week, IFC and Panhel hosted study tables for members of FSL to attend to make sure the busyness of the week did not interfere with our academic achievement. We also raised \$871 to donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and donated two carloads of food to the Ashland Kroc Center! After the events concluded, Theta Phi Alpha emerged as the overall champion among the sororities, demonstrating strong performances across multiple events. On the fraternity side, Phi Kappa Psi claimed the top spot, earning the overall victory through consistent teamwork and determination. Phi Psi's victory marks the 13th year in a row that the chapter has won Greek Week! This program continues to be one of the most anticipated traditions on campus, giving students the opportunity to connect with members from other chapters, build lasting friendships, and celebrate the shared values of Ashland University's Greek community!



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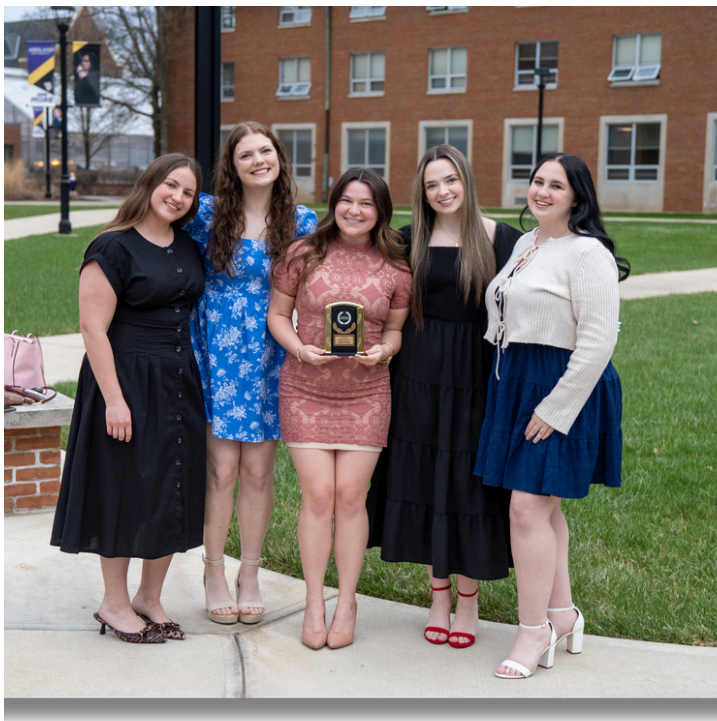
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FSL Honors

Ashland University's Fraternity and Sorority Life community recently gathered for our annual FSL Honors ceremony, an event dedicated to recognizing the achievements and contributions of Greek organizations and their members throughout the past year. The ceremony highlights the impact that Fraternities and Sororities have on campus by celebrating leadership, scholarship, service, and Greek unity. FSL Honors brings together members from all chapters to reflect on the successes of the year and recognize individuals and organizations that have demonstrated exceptional commitment to their chapters and the university. The ceremony begins by recognizing the leaders of the chapters and the councils from the previous year, thanking them for all their efforts in guiding their FSL organizations through another successful year.



One of the most notable individual awards presented during the ceremony is the Fraternity Man of the Year Award, which recognizes a Fraternity member who demonstrates outstanding leadership and dedication. This year, the award was presented to Wyatt Jones of Phi Kappa Psi, whose commitment to his chapter and involvement across campus distinguished him among his peers. The Sorority Woman of the Year Award recognizes a Sorority member who exemplifies leadership and service within the Greek community. This year's recipient, Kara Crum of Alpha Delta Pi, was honored for her dedication to her chapter and the positive influence she has had within the Panhellenic community at Ashland. The ceremony also recognizes the collective accomplishments of entire chapters. The award for Outstanding Fraternity of the Year was presented to Phi Kappa Psi for the chapter's achievements in leadership, campus involvement, and commitment to the values of Fraternity life. Similarly, Delta Zeta received the honor of Outstanding Sorority of the Year. The chapter was recognized for its strong sisterhood, involvement on campus, and continued dedication to scholarship and service. FSL Honors continues to be an important tradition within Ashland University's Greek community because, by celebrating the outstanding achievements of individual students and chapters, future leaders can emulate previous successes and expand upon them to push the community forward.





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60th Anniversary Celebration

This year marks a milestone moment for Ashland University's Fraternities, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, and Phi Kappa Psi, to celebrate their 60th anniversary on campus. For six decades, these organizations have played a central role in shaping the Ashland University experience, fostering lifelong brotherhood, leadership development, community service, and campus involvement. The anniversary celebration recognizes not only the history of these chapters but also the generations of students and alumni who helped build their legacies. Since their founding at Ashland University in 1966, the three fraternities have welcomed hundreds of members into their chapters, connecting active members to thousands of AU alumni. Many alumni remain closely connected to their chapters, returning to campus for events, supporting chapter initiatives, and helping guide the next generation of Fraternity leaders. The celebration honors both those who helped establish the chapters decades ago and the current members who continue to carry those traditions forward.

As part of the anniversary celebration, the Fraternities are offering limited-edition 60th anniversary sweatshirts available for members of the chapters to purchase. The sweatshirts will serve as a commemorative item marking this historic milestone and celebrating the legacy of brotherhood shared among the organizations. Featuring each of the chapter's Fraternity Houses, these sweatshirts unite all the members who have created lifelong memories in these cherished houses. Each sweatshirt will be available for \$25, making them an affordable way for current and alumni members to recognize the anniversary and show pride in their chapter's history. The sweatshirts will only be available for purchase through the Ashland University Bookstore throughout 2026 but will no longer be offered after this year. These sweatshirts are a perfect gift for birthdays, holidays, or celebrating Homecoming! The Interfraternity Council is proud to help celebrate the 60th anniversary of all the chapters and looks forward to strengthening them to ensure another 60 years of Fraternity Life at AU!





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FSL Alumni Association Award Recipients

The Greeks at AU have developed students into leaders since the 1960's, giving them the tools to accomplish great things once they graduate and begin their careers. The 2026 Alumni Association Award Ceremony is a testament to the professional development that FSL provides. This ceremony recognizes the professional achievements that AU alumni have accomplished in many fields, including faithful service, outstanding communication, and excellence in community involvement. Out of the nine award winners, three of them are members of the FSL community!

Abigail Ray ('15) of Delta Zeta was awarded the Young Alumna Award for her extraordinary service in her work as a Physician's Assistant. She has fundraised for Hurricane Ian relief, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, and participated in charity races. Bill Waterman ('78) of Phi Kappa Psi was awarded the Richard D. Leidy Award for his achievements in the field of communication. Beginning at Ashland's WRDL program as a radio-TV major, he went on to be an on-air personality, program director that oversaw multiple stations, and vice president of talent development for a 45-station chain. Steve Oster ('88) of Tau Kappa Epsilon received the Outstanding Alumnus Award, given to an alumnus who has achieved distinction in his chosen field of employment and community and given himself in service to Ashland University. Steve is the most tenured shared superintendent in OH's history, serving as Superintendent and CEO of the Knox and Coshocton County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Steve has also served as the president of United Way, healthcare, and nonprofit organizations. Steve has been recognized by Tau Kappa Epsilon's national organization with the TKE National Triangle Award for Leadership. Each of these recipients spoke to the attendees about the significant impact that AU had in launching their careers, and they all talked about their chapters' role in developing their leadership abilities. FSL is proud to celebrate these outstanding alumni and is committed to continuing the tradition of excellence for all future members. Here are the creeds of each the award winners' chapters, showing that this tradition of excellence continues by a renewed commitment to the principles that these members lived out during their college years and beyond!

Delta Zeta Creed:

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"To the world, I promise temperance and insight and courage, to crusade for justice, to seek the truth and defend it always; to those whom my life may touch in slight measure, may I give graciously of what is mine; to my friends, understanding and appreciation; to those closer ones, love that is ever steadfast; to my mind, growth; to myself, faith that I may walk truly in the light of the Flame."

Phi Kappa Psi Creed:

I believe that Phi Kappa Psi is a brotherhood of honorable men, courteous and cultured, who pledge throughout their lives to be generous, compassionate and loyal comrades;

I believe that I am honor bound to strive manfully for intellectual, moral and spiritual excellence; to help and forgive my Brothers; to discharge promptly all just debts; to give aid and sympathy to all who are less fortunate;

I believe that I am honor bound to strengthen my character and deepen my integrity; to counsel and guide my Brothers who stray from their obligations; to respect and emulate my Brothers who practice moderation in their manners and morals; to be ever mindful that loyalty to my Fraternity should not weaken loyalty to my college, but rather increase devotion to it, to my country, and to my God;

I believe that to all I meet, wherever I go, I represent not only Phi Kappa Psi, but indeed the spirit of all fraternities; thus I must ever conduct myself so as to bring respect and honor not to myself alone, but also my Fraternity;

To the fulfillment of these beliefs, of these ideals, in the noble perfection of Phi Kappa Psi, I pledge my life and my sacred honor.

Written by John Henry Frizzell *Amherst 1898* and Kent Christopher Owen *Indiana '58*
Adopted by the 1964 Grand Arch Council

Excerpt from Tau Kappa Epsilon Declaration of Principles:

We believe that a fraternity should be a brotherhood in conduct as well as in name. "Faith without works is dead." Pledges of brotherhood not succeeded by observance in conduct are as "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal." By the tenor of our daily action, we should evidence our devotion to the principles we have solemnly obligated ourselves to observe.

We believe that the essential elements of true brotherhood are love, charity, and esteem; love, that binds our hearts with the sturdy chords of fraternal affection; charity, that is impulsive to see virtues in a brother and slow to reprove his faults; esteem, that is respectful to the honest convictions of others and that refrains from treading upon that which is sacred to spirit and conscience; these are the triple obligations of every brother in the bond.



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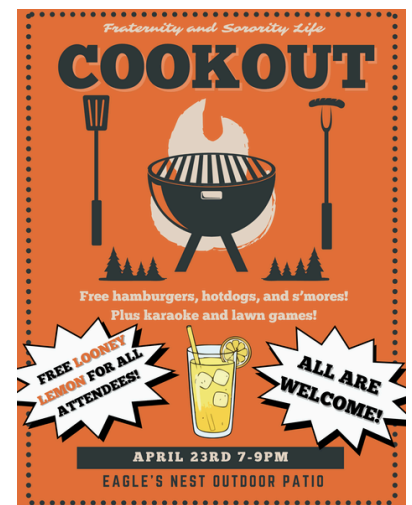
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Upcoming Chapter Philanthropy Events

- **Kappa Sigma's Mile in a Soldier's Shoes: 4/11 from 10AM-1PM in the Quad**
 - Participants gather sponsorships from the community and then march, walk, or run as long and as far as they can for 3 hours. Every mile raises funds to provide comfortable footwear for veterans and to support Operation: Final Tour, honoring disabled or terminally ill veterans with meaningful experiences. No need to actually run/walk, but come out to the Quad at 10AM to show your support.
- **Alpha Delta Pi's Silent Auction: 4/12 from 1-4PM at Waters Edge Event Center**
 - ADPi's Silent Auction will have baskets for people to bid on. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$25 for general admission. Tickets can be bought through this link: <https://adpi.crowdchange.co/56433>. All the proceeds go to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Ohio and the Alpha Delta Pi Foundation.
- **Delta Zeta's Turtle Trot 5K: 4/19 at 9AM outside the AU Rec Center**
 - Delta Zeta presents the Turtle Trot 5K race that begins at 9AM. In-person registration is from 8-8:45AM before the race. All of the proceeds go to DZ's hearing and speech philanthropies. \$15 registration fee covers race entry and a shirt. Reach out to pkaltenb@ashland.edu with any questions.
- **Phi Kappa Psi's Psilent Auction: 4/25 from 6-10PM at Deer Ridge Golf Club**
 - Phi Psi's Psilent Auction raises money for Camp Nuhop, a Summer camp in Mohican State Park for children with special needs. There will be dinner for all attendees and baskets to bid on. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased through this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/phi-kappa-psi-psilent-auction-tickets-1983328901133?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>
- **Phi Delta Theta's Blue Tie Gala: 5/2 from 12:30-3:30PM in Upper Convo's Trustees Room**
 - Join Phi Delta Theta for the annual Blue Tie Gala, a philanthropy event supporting the Live Like Lou Foundation and its mission to advance ALS research and assist families affected by the disease. Guests will enjoy a buffet lunch, hear from a speaker sharing powerful stories and insights about ALS, and take part in our basket auction and 50/50 raffle. It's an afternoon of community, awareness, and meaningful impact. Reach out to acoss@ashland.edu for seat availability.

Upcoming FSL Events

On April 23rd, IFC and Panhel are hosting an all FSL cookout! This event is a great way for the chapters to come together and celebrate all of their achievements over the academic year in a relaxed way. Outside of the Eagle's Nest, we will have free hamburgers, hotdogs, and s'mores for all attendees. Looney Lemon will also be there giving out free lemonade! This event is open to the whole campus to share in the fun! IFC and Panhel are committed to improving the relationships between the chapters and with non-FSL students, and this FSL Cookout is the first of many projects for FSL to give back to the AU community!





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