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FSL Newsletter Purpose

Fraternity and Sorority Life has been an essential part of Ashland University for the last six decades, and this newsletter covers the first half of the Fall 2026 semester, which has been a big step in enhancing our recruitment efforts, alumni outreach, and campus involvement. Although it is nearly impossible to articulate the impact that this community has on its members, the stories and photos help enshrine these moments for future generations. As we celebrate 60 years of our AU Fraternities, we dedicate this edition of the FSL Newsletter to all the Greeks that founded our AU chapters.



FSL Creed

The FSL Creed was voted in unanimously by all of the chapter Presidents in the Spring 2026 semester. Although each of the chapters have their own creeds, the FSL Creed seeks to unify them all under a shared mission that encapsulates life in a Fraternity or Sorority. "Being in a Fraternity or Sorority is more than just wearing your letters and attending social events. When you join a chapter, you enter a supportive community that blends all the best aspects of collegiate life into your Brotherhood or Sisterhood. You will have the opportunity to make connections that will last a lifetime, apply the lessons from the classroom to the real world, and join a cause that is greater than yourself. The FSL community is unified in our commitment to the values of friendship, leadership, scholarship, and service. From these pillars, Fraternities and Sororities have built a network of strong bonds to thousands of alumni, opening pathways for personal and professional development. Fraternity and Sorority Life uniquely enhances the college experience by creating a meaningful and lasting experience for every member."

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Movers and Shakers 2026

“THE NAME OF THE GAME IS EFFICIENCY”

Movers and Shakers is an annual event where members of the FSL community help to move in incoming freshman students and give them a warm welcome as they move onto campus and officially start their time as an Ashland Eagle! This year, we had 60 Movers and Shakers that volunteered a portion of their Summer vacation to return to campus help make the freshman move-in as smooth as possible. Although we have historically moved freshmen into Amstutz and Kem Halls, the recent renovations and designation changes to Amstutz caused us to alter our usual Movers and Shakers setup. Instead of facilitating cars through Lot E, our Movers and Shakers helped moved freshmen into Kem, Clayton, and Andrews Hall! Across all three buildings, we helped to move in 150 freshmen! We want to give a special thanks to the AU Alumni Advisory Board for helping us direct traffic for Movers and Shakers 2026!



Movers and Shakers continues to be a staple of the FSL community that not only helps make Orientation Weekend a positive experience for freshmen, but it also brings the community together as we begin a new academic year. Each team of Movers and Shakers, led by an IFC and Panhel officer, consists of Greeks from all chapters, grades, majors. These teams work together and exemplify the Greek unity that has made our chapters so strong throughout our existence on Ashland University's campus. We began the school year of with a strong showing of our FSL presence on campus, and we plan to carry this momentum throughout the Fall 2026 semester!

FSL Block Party 2026

WELCOME TO THE BARNYARD

Each year, the FSL Community hosts a block party for the incoming students during the Saturday of Orientation Weekend, and this year's western themed event was titled "Welcome to the Barnyard!" This began right after the last freshman orientation training on Saturday evening, and the freshmen were greeted with smiling Greeks and free cowboy hats! The event also hosted a mechanical bull, a petting zoo with an alpaca, and inflatable axe throwing! The music for the Block Party was mainly a country themed playlists, and many of the students performed line dances to some of the popular songs! Each of the chapters hosted a table in which attendees could meet current FSL members and learn more about each of the chapters' accomplishments, philanthropies, and history. Although the event occurs during the freshmen orientation weekend, there were many upperclassmen that attended to meet the Greeks and partake in the festivities!



Our FSL Block Party is one of the first official recruitment events that we host each Fall, and the 2026 Welcome to Barnyard, planned by IFC and Panhel, proved to be a very popular event among the freshmen class. New students connected with members of FSL and with one another at the Block Party, and these connections are incredibly valuable for students that are living away from home for the first time in their lives. Fraternity and Sorority Life continues to forge connections between Ashland University students that would have otherwise never interacted with one another, and our Block Party is an event that always helps to create these connections.



Bid Day

“BID DAY BEST DAY”

Bid Day is always one of the most exciting days of the year for Fraternity and Sorority

Life, and this year proved to be a very successful one! Bid marks the end of the formal recruitment period for the Fraternities and Sororities where potential new members receive and sign their official invitations to join their chapters. The Sorority new members ran home to their chapters, and the Fraternity new members revealed which chapter they signed to by waving the chapter flag in an NFL draft-style reveal. Through the coordination of IFC and Panhel, Bid Day 2026 for both the Fraternities and Sororities were on the same day! In previous years, the Fraternity and Sorority recruitment schedules did not align, but having a joint Bid Day truly brought the community together on this special occasion.



Bid Day 2026 was also a great display of all of the recruitment efforts that the chapters and councils put in over the Summer and Fall. This recruitment cycle marks the first time that we have grown as an FSL community since 2019! Despite the decrease in Ashland University students, the percentage of FSL members also grew this semester to 13%! Recruitment is always a great experience for the potential new members and the chapters, but it also marks the beginning of a new class of students that will help to define and improve the FSL community for years to come!



Homecoming Weekend

“COME BACK SOON, COME BACK OFTEN”

Fraternity Circle Unveiling

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of our Fraternities on campus, a sign was placed in front of Fraternity Circle. This project was funded by alumni donations of each active Fraternity, and the project also received support from Sigma Nu, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and the USA House. The unveiling ceremony took place on the Friday of Homecoming weekend where active and alumni members gathered to celebrate this milestone together. The ceremonial address was given by Gabe Del Valle, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, and Carter Weibling, President of the Interfraternity Council. Part of the address read, “Let us use this celebration of the 60 years of Fraternity Life to reaffirm our commitment the values we have sworn to, the chapters we love, and the Brothers we have. Continuing the project that our founders began 60 years ago is not easy, but with both active and alumni commitment to Fraternity Life's continuation, I am confident that we will thrive for decades to come.”



Homecoming Day

On Saturday, the chapters welcomed their alumni home with suite tours, tailgates, and more! We started off the day with Get Yolked, which is a philanthropy event for Phi Kappa Psi to raise money for Camp Nuhop. The next big event of the day was the football game, where four members of FSL were on the Homecoming Court. Ellie Nickoli, who is a member of Alpha Phi, was crowned homecoming queen! This marks the third year in a row that a Sorority woman was crowned Homecoming queen, which is a testament to the impact the Greeks have on campus. We invite our alumni to come back soon, come back often, and to always remember your home in FSL!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Phi Delta Theta 60th Anniversary Dinner: 10/24 at 6PM*
 - Phi Delta Theta is celebrating its 60th anniversary on Ashland University's campus with special dinner for active members, alumni, and national representatives!
- *Alpha Phi's Red Dress Gala: 11/7 at 5PM*
 - Alpha Phi's annual Red Dress Gala will be a silent auction, dinner, and host a speaker to raise money for their philanthropic partner, The Alpha Phi Foundation
- *Delta Zeta's Roseball: 10/7 at 6:30PM*
 - Delta Zeta's annual Roseball will be a silent auction to raise money for their hearing and speech philanthropic partners!
- *Order of Omega Initiation: 11/18 at 7:15PM*
 - Order of Omega will be initiating a Fall 2026 class to recognize the leaders across the FSL community!
- *Lip Sync: 12/6 at 6PM*
 - FSL is hosting our annual Lip Sync to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital!



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