

Kappa Alpha Theta- Chapter House Charter 2019-2020

Purpose, values, and philosophy

The Epsilon Lambda chapter house of Kappa Alpha Theta, is a place of residential housing for some sisters of various backgrounds and academic years. In addition, it is a central location for the chapter, to foster the growth of sisterhood, intellectual and social discussion, and a place of opportunity to benefit the Kappa Alpha Theta community, the Dickinson community, and the Carlisle community.

Expectations of house members

The expectation of sisters living in the chapter house of Kappa Alpha Theta, is that they are wanting to be involved in the chapter heavily during their semester or year living in the house. The sisters living in the house are expected to be and spend a decent amount of time in the house, thus allowing for sisters not living in the chapter house to be able to spend time there also. If someone is not meeting the expectations set forth to live in the house-they will be required to have a meeting with the CEO of the chapter, the current housing manager, and also the faculty advisor to discuss their plan to move out the following semester (if they have requested to live in the house for the entire year), or what actions they will put in place to change their ways, and benefit the house.

Positions within house

The house manager/facilities manager (as referred to within Kappa Alpha Theta) is elected by a facilities committee- elected by the chapter, which reviews individuals who show interest in the position the following year and have submitted an application. The house manager's role is to facilitate as the liaison between the chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta- especially the sisters that live in the house and the college, with a focus on Res Life. The faculty advisor is also the advisor of the chapter as a whole. The housing manager also plays a role in communicating between the faculty advisor of Kappa Alpha Theta and the college to create a strong bond and provide the best support system for the house.

Meetings

House meetings will occur on a monthly basis, the house will decide at the beginning of each semester what time and day of the week works best. Agendas will be created by the house manager and will vary depending on what needs to be discussed about the previous month and the month leading up. Additional topics requested by sisters living in the

house should be discussed with the housing manager beforehand and they will present- if they choose- at the next meeting. The purpose of the meetings is to allow everyone in the house to express their views on how the living situation is, make suggestions for change, and also to discuss upcoming events that will take place at the house. Additionally, relevant information will be advertised by the house manager to the members of the house through a group text conversation.

Application process

The application process to live in the chapter house takes place in the spring at the end of March, normally. A facility committee is formed by individuals of each academic year and the current house manager, with the incoming house manager to help with the selection process of the individuals living in the house the following year. If sisters are going abroad, or aren't living in the house for the entire year- then a new facility committee will be formed in the fall around late October to fill the spots for the next semester. Sisters will be asked to fill out an application to provide information to the facility committee about their interest to live in the house, their habits as a floor mate and a housemate, and their ability to host sisterhood events and also chapter wide events throughout the year. For selecting rooms, individuals indicate in their application, if they would like a single, a double, or a triple- and who they would like to room with. There is priority to the house manager first to obtain the single, followed by seniority and application response reasoning. Thus throughout the selection of sisters to live in the house, they will be prioritized by academic year, and additional rationales if they prove to support individuals living in the house.

Community standards

Open hours run from 3:00-10:00pm, Mondays through Thursdays. Normally, at least one sister should be at the house- allowing individuals to stop by, do homework, or just get a break from being in classes or in the library. Quiet hours will occur roughly around 11:00pm-8:00am, but will vary depending on who lives on the first floor, each semester and their schedule. Organized cleaning should take place roughly every other week, with it varying among each floor and the individuals that live there. However, the living room, dining room, (and kitchen after events)- will rotate among individuals per week, since they are community areas.

Programming

The majority of programming that goes on at the house, are for sisterhood events focused on the idea of bonding, having fun, and providing a relaxing break from school. The programming is organized between individuals that wish to host events at the house and must be coordinated with the housing manager. This allows the housing manager to inform the house and also make sure there will be a sister at the house to provide access for the event.

Semester and year goals

The goal for this semester is to continue organizing the chapter house. Providing a more open environment for both sisters who live in the house, as well as those that don't live in the house. As well as fostering a community environment that enables sisters to have a place that they feel comfortable calling home.