

# Academic Support

### Promote Campus Support and Online Course Delivery Resources

- The delivery method for course content is likely to vary from campus to campus so it is important that each member adequately understand how their campus' approach to delivering class instruction will impact them.
- The leadership of the Scholarship Chairmen and the Scholarship Committee is essential to ensure each member understands what is expected of them and how they can be successful.
- Chapters are encouraged to consult their campus academic success center, disability services office, campus tutorial center, and academic advising/counseling offices to identify resources provided by those offices.
  - Collect online resources and contact information from these services and share them with your members.
  - Encourage members to use resources as necessary and consider setting an expectation that members at least try one or more (helping break down the stigma or hesitance to ask for assistance can go a long way).

#### Set Individual and Chapter-Level Academic Goals

- Chapters are encouraged to work with members to set both chapter-level and individual member GPA goals. The Scholarship Chairman and Scholarship Committee should schedule check-ins periodically to track progress and assist members with meeting their goals.
  - Assigning Big Brothers to check in weekly on their Little Brothers not just those that are candidates, initiates too – on how classes and life are going can ensure members are accounted for and staying connected, as well as ease the burden on the committee to try to contact everyone, especially in larger chapters.

## Creating Good Habits and Routines for Academic Success

- With the movement away from the traditional in-person classroom experience, disruption to member learning habits and routines is expected. Chapters should assist members with establishing an effective routine using good habits to support continued strong academic performance.
- In many ways virtual learning provides flexibility and freedoms that in-person classes do not. However, chapter members should do their best to stick to their old routines as possible. Chapter members should adopt practices such as maintaining a consistent sleep schedule, setting up a home office or study location that is free of distractions, and, setting quiet hours during class time and set sleep schedules.



Also consider sharing these <u>5 tips</u> from the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values.

#### <u>Celebrate Success</u>

- Use the Chapter's Facebook page or group message to call out Brothers who do well on assignments and encourage members to brag on themselves when they complete an assignment or get a high grade.
- Scholar of the month/term/year awards and competitions.

For additional advice and information, check out the Fraternity's resources on <u>improving</u> <u>grades</u>, <u>chapter scholarship ideas</u>, <u>better lecture note taking</u>, and <u>time management and</u> <u>effective studying</u>. Reminder, the password for protected documents is **4242**.

If you have any questions or need assistance with your chapter's intellectual development efforts, please do not hesitate to contact your chapter's <u>Leadership Consultant</u>.