

Back to School 2024 Newsletter



This newsletter is shared with organization Presidents, Advisors, and Council Officers. Other officers or members may find this information useful so please feel free to copy and paste important parts into your meeting minutes or into emails to share the knowledge, announcements, and important dates.

A. Fraternity, Sorority and Cooperative Life Leaders:

Welcome back to Purdue for the fall 2024 semester! This is an exciting time of year and it is clear that students, alumni, and staff leaders have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming year. As you return to campus, you will see that many of our organizations have been planning events and executing facility renovations that provide a surge of energy and momentum for FSCL. Thank you for all that you do to support your house/chapter, members, the Purdue FSCL Community, and the Greater Lafayette Community!

As we move through the upcoming year, our efforts should remain focused on providing an excellent living and learning environment that is conducive to student success and promotes health, safety, and well-being. In the coming weeks, the FSCL Community will welcome over 1,500 new members and each of us plays a significant role in welcoming those students into the community and providing a home away from home. The FSCL staff, student leaders, and campus/community partners are here to support your efforts and connect you to the information and resources you need. Please let us know how we can assist, and best wishes for a safe and successful year!

Boiler Up!

B. Advising Updates

a. Organizational Coaching

- i. Typically this is the time of year when we announce organizational coaching, but with the onboarding of a new staff member, we will be sharing these details in the coming weeks. Until then, we want you all to know we are available and are here to support you.
- ii. Your organization coach is your council advisor, except for IFC. IFC organizations will be split between the entire staff. For all questions or concerns in the meantime, please reach out to your council's advisor for organizational coaching needs:
 1. Purdue Cooperative Council (PCC): Brandon Cutler, bcutler@purdue.edu
 2. Interfraternity Council (IFC): Abby Howard, howardal@purdue.edu
 3. Multicultural Greek Council (MGC): Abby Howard, howardal@purdue.edu
 4. National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC): Haley Davis, davis1894@purdue.edu
 5. Panhellenic Association (PHA): Haley Davis, davis1894@purdue.edu

C. Programs

a. Meet FSCL

- i. Sunday, August 18 is the Meet FSCL event at Memorial Mall.
 1. There are expectations your organization should be aware of:
 - a. Arrive on time for set up; no later than 9:30 AM;
 - b. Abide by the five (5) person max at each organization table;
 - c. Break down the provided table at the conclusion of the event, including disposing of any trash in the surrounding area;
 - d. Avoid the use of offensive language and obscene gestures throughout the course of the event;
 - e. Prohibit the use of drugs and alcohol; any member found to be under the influence will be asked to leave the event and the organization may be subjected to the respective council's judicial/mediation process;
 - f. Do not speak negatively of another organization to potential new members; dirty rushing/recruiting/intake will not be allowed.
 - g. Organizations are allowed to bring a tent no larger than 10 ft x 10 ft, but the organization is responsible for weighing the tent down; stakes should not be used as there is no permission to do so by those that manage the space.

b. Event Planning:

i. Activity Planning Forms (APF) Guidance (Social Officers)

1. Please check out this resource to help you plan events for the 2024-2025 school year
 - a. <https://www.purdue.edu/fscf/resources/documents.html>

ii. Tailgating for Fall 2024 (Social Officers)

1. As the football season comes around and your organization is thinking about tailgating, it is important to keep the policies around tailgating in mind. Here are some basics your organization will want to know:
 - a. Tailgates at FSCF housing with alumni present do not need an APF with SAO, but all tailgates must be registered with your respective council if alcohol is present.
 - b. Purdue Athletics provides a list of policies that your organization should review if you plan to participate in tailgating: <https://purduesports.com/sports/2019/6/26/parking-and-tailgating-policies>.

D. Health & Safety

a. New Member Education Plans

- i. All plans shall be no longer than 8 weeks and no more than 12 hours in a week of programming for new members (i.e., study tables, education meetings, brotherhood/sisterhood, Bid Day/Dinner, Big/Little, Initiation etc.)
 1. If an inter/national policy is shorter, that expectation must be followed.
- ii. A plan will include the date, time, location, and full description of activities taking place.
 1. While we don't expect organizations to provide official ritual information, we do expect a general description of activities. For example: "New members will arrive at 6:30 PM and will wait for chapter leadership in the formal living room. During this activity, the chapter will complete the initiation ceremony, and members will be fully initiated at the end of the program. Our Chapter Advisor will be present to assist with the ceremony."
- iii. New Member Education plans must be submitted on BoilerLink (<https://boilerlink.purdue.edu/submitter/form/start/35809>) 14 days prior to the start of a new member process as this is the designated registration process for such activities.
 1. Failure to submit the New Member Education Guidelines and Program Submission will result in follow-up via the judicial process for the council in which your organization is a member.
 2. This is consistent with University policies for high-risk organization activities registered through the Student Activities and Organizations (SAO) APF process.
- iv. Once submitted the office will review each plan in its entirety and reply with questions and feedback.
 1. It is expected that replies to the office from the submitter are timely, so the plan must be submitted by the person in charge of executing the New Member Education process.
- v. If there are changes or additions to the plan (i.e., date, time, location, or activities taking place) these must be communicated to the office immediately.

b. New Member Educator/Intake Coordinator Training

- i. Training for New Member Educators/Intake Coordinators will be held three different times this semester. All organizations with new members this fall must have at least one new member educator or intake coordinator present on either Thursday, Aug. 29th, Tuesday, Sept. 10th, or Wednesday, Sept. 11th.
 1. The times and locations are outlined in the Save the Date portion of this newsletter.

c. Health & Safety Initiatives (Officers/Members)

- i. Health and Safety initiatives will be taking place over six days in two different weeks with programs from 6 PM until as late as 9 PM. The goal is to provide more opportunities for attendance, a wider variety of topics, and less strain on the same leaders in our community.
- ii. On September 22 - 26, we will have Kim Novak and Chris DeEulis here from NovakTalks! and they will be providing *Coaching Sessions* that are focused on addressing risks from the organization's leadership team including responding to incidents, addressing concerns brought up by members, and building on topics discussed in educational programs. They will also present on:
 1. Sunday, Sept. 22 - *That's Not MY Job*, where participants will learn how to balance the role that social functions and socializing with alcohol plays in their membership.
 2. Monday, Sept. 23 - *Alcohol and Other Drugs*, participants will learn how to balance the role that social functions and socializing with alcohol plays in their membership. Also, *Hazing Prevention is Everyone's Work*, in this program members will learn how to evaluate current new member activities to determine if they are or could become hazing behaviors.
 3. Tuesday, Sept. 24 - *Alcohol Skills Training Program Deep Dive*, this program will focus on identifying strategies to create positive change related to alcohol use. For some members, alcohol isn't a part of their experience. For others, this is a regular decision, and this program will provide space to understand all of those perspectives. As well as, *Mental Health and Hazing*, delivered by a nationally recognized hazing prevention expert in a realistic conversation about hazing as a risk issue and understanding that it is not acceptable. Using current research as well as lessons learned from 25 years of work in hazing prevention the facilitator will help you better understand the unintended consequences of hazing that impact the mental health of both those that perpetuate hazing and those that are hazed.
 4. Wednesday, Sept. 25 - *Implementing Upstander Strategies to Manage Risk*, building on the Upstander framework you will explore different scenarios to consider ways to change their approach and integrate tactics to mitigate harm.

d. Health & Safety Initiatives (Officers/Members) Continued

- i. Then for our September 29 - October 3 dates, we will have campus partners present on topics such as:
 1. On Sunday, Sept. 29, and Monday, Sept. 30, CARE will lead council-based conversations on Event/Sober Monitor Training and Bystander Intervention.
 2. The Office of Institutional Equity will share information about their department, incapacitation, and consent, as well as a focus on supportive measures provided through their office on Wednesday, Oct. 2.
 3. Presenting on Thursday, Oct. 3, we will have staff from the Office of the Vice Provost of Student Life deliver content on Conflict Competence. This program will focus on understanding the concept, expanding understanding and use of a range of conflict strategies to improve relationships, increasing awareness of methods for repairing relationships harmed by conflict and identifying campus resources to assist with conflict.
 4. Recreation and Wellness staff will also join us for programming with content to assist members of the community with establishing routines, coping strategies, and recognizing limits.

e. Red Zone Awareness

- i. From the moment college students arrive on campus in the fall until when they return home for Thanksgiving break is considered, the Red Zone. This is when more than 50% of all sexual assaults happen on college campuses nationwide. Outreach events and educational workshops are offered across campus from the beginning of the fall semester through the end of September. These opportunities are designed to address the factors that contribute to this alarming statistic and empower our Boilermakers to take a stand to prevent and eliminate sexual violence within our community.
- ii. If you or your organization are looking for ways to get involved in making a difference in our Boilermaker community by putting an end to interpersonal violence check out CARE's awareness months page:
<https://care.purdue.edu/prevention/awareness.html>

f. Fire Inspections (House/Risk Managers)

- i. The fire inspection letters and schedule have been emailed to all FSCL houses. If you have not received it, please let us know at fscl@purdue.edu.

g. Emergency Contact Form for Housed FSCL Groups

- i. If you have not done so already, please submit your contact information via the Purdue emergency contact form.
<https://www.purdue.edu/ehps/fire/fire-safety/greek-housing-form.php>
 1. PUF/D/PUPD uses this information to make contact with FSCL houses during an emergency.
 2. Contacts for the house director, property management/maintenance, and local housing board members are needed during these times.

E. Administrative Updates

a. Submit Recruitment/Intake/Interest Flyers (Recruitment & Intake Officers)

- i. If you would like your flyer on the @PurdueFSCL Account, please submit your flyer by Wednesday, August 21st for priority posting: <https://forms.gle/z6P5tt5d9JhSdhva7>

b. Membership Forms (Recruitment & Intake Officers) - please have all NEW MEMBERS complete this form at:

<https://boilerlink.purdue.edu/submitter/form/start/24702> on Boilerlink. Students will log into Boilerlink with their own log-in information. This is also the form New Members must complete within 72 hours of accepting an invitation to join. Submitting forms through their account is vital as there are agreements they sign off on, which may not be done through others' accounts. You may also use the QR code below to navigate to this form.



c. Brightspace Officer Basics Course (New Presidents/Officers)

- i. The officer basics course is live on Brightspace for new presidents and FERPA certification within the course must be completed **by August 30th**: [Register Here!](#)
 1. Other new or returning officers are encouraged to take the course since some information may have changed.

F. What is Happening on Campus

a. RedZone Awareness Tailgating

- i. Stop by Cary Quad on August 31st at 9 AM before the football game kickoff to learn more about alcohol harm reduction education, consent, and bystander intervention. The first 150 people will receive a donut from Hammers Donuts.
 1. Additional tailgating dates at Cary Quad are September 14th and 28th.

G. Save the Date

- a. **Meet FSCL**
 - i. Sunday, Aug. 18th from 10 AM-2 PM at Memorial Mall
 - ii. Check-in for organizations will begin at 9:30 AM
- b. **FSCL Presidents' Welcome Back Meeting**
 - i. Monday, August 19, 2024, at 6:30 PM in Beering 2280 - Chapter/House Presidents are expected to attend.
- c. **IFC & PHA Joint Risk Roundtable** - Wednesday, August 21st at 7 PM
- d. **MGC Block Party** - Sunday, August 25th from 3:30-7:30 PM on Krach Lawn
- e. **NPHC Fall Week of Events** - Monday, Aug. 26th - Friday, Aug. 30th
- f. **Fall New Member Educator/Intake Coordinator Training**
 - i. Thursday, Aug. 29th at 6 PM in KRCH 230
 - ii. Tuesday, Sept. 10th at 6 PM in KRCH 260
 - iii. Wednesday, Sept. 11th at 6 PM in KRCH 260
- g. **Complete FERPA certification on Brightspace** - Friday, August 30th
- h. **PHA Block Party** - Friday, September 6th
- i. **NPHC Yard Show** - Friday, September 6th
- j. **Health & Safety Initiatives Week - Fall 2024**
 - i. Part 1: Sunday, Sept. 22nd - Thursday, Sept. 26th in the CoRec Feature Gym
 - ii. Part 2: Sunday, Sept. 29th - Thursday, Oct. 3rd in the CoRec Feature Gym
- k. **October Break** - October 7th - 8th
- l. **IFC & PHA New Member Orientation (NMO)** - Sunday, October 13th from Noon-4:15 PM
- m. **PCC Alumni Summit** - Sunday, October 13th
- n. **PCC Serenades** - Sunday, October 20th
- o. **Purdue Fall Family Weekend** - November 1st - 3rd
- p. **FSCLS** - Sunday, November 10th
- q. **Thanksgiving Break** - November 28th - 29th
- r. **Fall Reporting Deadline** - Sunday, December 1st
- s. **Fall Finals Week** - December 9th - 14th
- t. **CPLA** - Friday, January 10th - Sunday, January 12th
- u. **Check out our Full Calendar of Events**
 - i. <https://www.purdue.edu/fscl/about/events.html>

H. Action Items

- Attend New Member Education/Intake Training
- Submit Recruitment/Intake/Informational Flyers
- Have new members complete their membership form immediately upon joining.
- Attend Meet FSCL
- New Member Education Plans Submitted
- Certificate of Insurance Due
- Fire Inspection Scheduled
- Schedule a 1:1 Meeting with FSCL Office Liaison
- Emergency Contact Information Submitted (Housed Organizations Only)