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Subject: Important message to my Greek alumni

Dear Greek Alumnus:

As a valued member of our alumni community whose time at Monmouth was influenced by Greek life, please take a moment to read President Dimenna's important message concerning student Greek activities on campus.

As noted in President Dimenna's message, the University is working closely with the Greek Senate and leadership within our fraternities and sororities. We are confident of a positive outcome.

Please know that, as an alum, you are always welcome on campus, regardless of the current status of those organizations in which you were involved as a student.

We will be holding time to convene a discussion on this topic on Tuesday, Oct. 2 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Wilson Hall Auditorium. Thank you for your support of this process. I look forward to seeing you on Oct. 2.

Amanda Klaus '09

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From: Employees-0 <employees-0-bounces@monmouth.edu> **On Behalf Of** MU President

Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2018 8:46 AM

To: students@monmouth.edu; employees@monmouth.edu

Subject: EMPLOYEES: Greek Life at Monmouth University



Office of the President

TO: Members of the University Community

As we begin our new academic year, I want to share important information regarding the status of Greek life at Monmouth University. Greek letter organizations and their members have been an important part of student and campus life at Monmouth for more than 60 years.

As President of Monmouth University it is my responsibility to ensure that we provide our students with a campus experience that supports their growth and development as young adults. It is also my responsibility to make certain that is done in an environment that is safe.

Over the course of the past several years, Greek communities across the country have faced challenges that have often resulted in tragic situations. Again and again we see traditions created to foster stronger bonds of fellowship distorted into dangerous and sometimes deadly hazing rituals and other risky behavior. During the course of the past year, Monmouth has also faced its own challenges. I feel it is essential for us to be proactive in this area to avoid circumstances such as we have seen at other institutions.

In light of these challenges, Vice President Mary Anne Nagy and I, in concert with the leadership of the Greek Senate, met last spring to discuss some of the serious conduct violations that have occurred within the community including hazing, alcohol and drug use, and lack of academic focus. We discussed the need for the Greeks to hold each other accountable for the negative culture that is casting a long shadow over Greek life at Monmouth, and potentially endangering our students.

At our meeting in May, I directed the leadership of the Greek Senate to develop a draft plan to be submitted to me by August 15, 2018, with a final plan due on October 15, 2018, to address the myriad of concerns discussed. This plan was to be their plan, not ours, to ensure that every fraternity and sorority is committed to the improvement of their community.

Unfortunately, the plan submitted fell short of our expectations and as a result, I have imposed the immediate suspension of all non-educational activities sponsored by the fraternity and sorority community until further notice. This means there will be no recruitment, social, philanthropic, or any such activities within the fraternity and sorority community until we receive and approve an acceptable plan from the Greek Senate.

At its best, Greek life celebrates the core virtues that align with our educational mission and our culture of mutual respect. For true change to take place, the solutions must come from the students in the Greek community—not as top-down mandates.

We will continue to support the members of the Greek community as they further develop the plan for submission to foster a culture of personal accountability among their members while being steadfast in stopping negative behaviors and activities that put students in danger. I am very confident that our Greek community will rise to this challenge and together we will develop an improved Greek community here at Monmouth.

Sincerely,

Grey J. Dimenna, Esq.
President