



Orientation 2018
Message to Leaders of the Fraternity and Sorority Community

Fraternity and Sorority Leaders,

Welcome back! With just a few days until University Orientation and the first day of classes, the Office of Student Engagement staff want you to know we are very excited for your return to campus. This letter contains important information that will help you and your chapter have a successful start to the academic year. Please read the content carefully and share it with your executive boards and chapters.

New Deac Week

When first-year students arrive on campus, university leadership, faculty, staff and students are all focused on getting them acclimated to the residential learning community. Many people are involved in the planning and coordination of New Deac Week, and all are heavily invested in its success. As a Wake Forest community, we should all be supportive of the Orientation program and its focus on introducing new students to all aspects of the university, not to specific organizations.

In the past, fraternity and sorority members and leaders have been heavily criticized for involving first year students in off campus social functions during New Deac Week. Chapter social events involving first year students take away from the emphasis on Orientation and cast a negative light on Fraternities and Sororities. Knowing the role the fraternity and sorority community plays in shaping the climate of Wake Forest University, the Office of Student Engagement is reaching out to remind you of the importance of working together to responsibly plan and manage social events during New Deac Week that do not involve first year students. With students returning to Wake while a campus-wide orientation program is in progress, this is an especially important task. Our expectation is that first year students concentrate on attending Orientation events. This expectation extends to and includes off-campus social events. The Office of Student Engagement has engaged the fraternity and sorority community in multiple conversations in the past year regarding the dropping off and picking up of new students for off-campus social events. Our expectation is clear that new students should be focusing on orientation activities. Wake Forest and Winston-Salem law enforcement will have a visible presence both on-campus and in the surrounding communities. Reported off-campus events will be investigated and organizations in violation of state and local law or the undergraduate alcohol policy will be held accountable.

Our hope is that you join us in connecting with new students during the Welcome Concert featuring SoMo on Friday August 24 on Manchester Plaza at 10 pm. This will be a great time for you to network with the rest of campus as all returning students are invited to attend.

Lounge Access:

- Lounges will open at 8 am on Monday, August 27th. In order to have your lounge opened and ensure proper card access, all organizations with on-campus lounges must meet with The Office of Residence Life and Housing. This meeting will occur on Sunday, August 26th from 4 to 5:30 pm in the DeTamble Auditorium. If you need an update on your account balance, please contact Assistant Director for Housing Wesley Todd (toddwe@wfu.edu).

Social Event Updates:

- The first tailgate will be on Saturday, September 8th before the Wake Forest/Towson State game. **The first Deacon Cup meeting will be held on Monday, September 3rd at 5pm BB&T Field Gate Four.** This meeting will include a discussion of tailgate protocols.
- The first lounge events with alcohol will occur on Friday, August 31. The timing of this allows for organizations to transition back into lounges and blocks in an organized fashion. This also allows the Offices of Residence Life and Housing and Student Engagement to meet with all student groups in order to discuss and educate on policies and expectations that affect groups that have lounges and/or host events with alcohol. If you have questions, please contact Betsy Adams (adamsef@wfu.edu).

Social Event/TIPS Training:

To manage social events with alcohol for student organizations, the Office of Student Engagement will be hosting the following required training opportunities.

- **Social Host Training will occur on Sunday, August 26th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. This training will be in DeTamble Auditorium.** All Chapter Presidents and Social Chairs are expected to attend. If you are unable to attend, please notify Betsy Adams as to whom your proxy will be. This will include an important discussion regarding potential lounge party protocol changes for 2018-19. **This will also include updates on the new organizational provisions of the Wake Forest University Medical Amnesty Policy. The updated policy is located at <https://aod.thrive.wfu.edu/resources/medical-amnesty-policy/>**
- TIPS Trainings will occur on Wednesday, August 29th. TIPS (Training for Intervention ProcedureS) is a skills-based training program designed to prevent unsafe intoxication, drunk driving, and underage drinking by enhancing the fundamental "people skills" of servers, sellers and consumers of alcohol. TIPS Training is a major part of the work that Wake Forest University does with student organizations. Student Engagement will offer one TIPS session for chapters and student organizations hosting events the first weekend of the academic year. **The first TIPS session for the semester will be August 30th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm in Benson 409. Please register for this session through the PDC website.**

Please remember that you are under the guidance of both the Wake Forest University Social Policy, as well as the social policy of your specific Inter/National Headquarters. If you are

unsure of Wake Forest's Social Policy, please refer to the Code of Conduct, located at:
<http://static.wfu.edu/files/pdf/students/judicial-handbook.pdf>

Please note: In the event of differences between Wake Forest University and national organization policies, Wake Forest policies shall supersede those national policies; that is, students are expected to follow Wake Forest policies first.

This is an important opportunity for our chapters to demonstrate the capacity to manage safe events. As such, please ensure your organization is following the event management guidelines and registering the events with only previously trained and certified event hosts.

As leaders, advisors and advocates for the fraternity and sorority community at Wake Forest, we ask for your leadership and assistance with these concerns. We are excited to welcome you back to campus and look forward to an important year for our fraternity and sorority community.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Wilkinson', with a stylized, cursive script.

Tim Wilkinson
Associate Dean for Student Engagement