

Chapter Development Speaker Series

Sponsored by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life

Chapter leadership can request any of the following interactive and educational presentations by contacting the individual presenter via email. Please give presenters at least two weeks advance notice.

“ASTP - Alcohol Skills Training Program” by Ben Hopper, Director

The Alcohol Skills Training Program (ASTP) is unlike most alcohol programs, because it acknowledges that college students drink. Rather than try to impose abstinence, ASTP recognizes that any steps toward reduced risk are steps in the right direction. The goal of ASTP is to educate on alcohol-related behavior while increasing members' interest in critically examining their drinking patterns and eventually implementing the skills they learn. In doing so, members can minimize the potential negative consequences through prevention, reduced consumption or abstinence.

Presentation length: 90 minutes or 45 minutes

Presentation set up needs: AV and screen

Contact email: blhopper@k-state.edu

“Breaking the First Rule of Fight Club: Let’s Talk About Conflict!” by Jordan Kocher, Assistant Director

Conflict is a frightening word, experience, and/or outcome for many councils, chapters, and members. In this interactive session, you will identify the benefits of healthy conflict and become equipped on how to handle it within your own role. Conflict is a given when working with people and now is the time to equip yourself and practice the life-long skill of managing it!

Presentation length: Customizable

Presentation set up needs: AV and screen

Contact email: jkocher@k-state.edu

“Carefrontations in the Chapter” by Kathleen MacLeay, Assistant Director

It is an unfortunate reality that from time to time a serious incident that requires care and confrontation will occur in a chapter. The chapter must be prepared to respond quickly and appropriately. This session will explore “carefrontation” guidelines and responses for mental health, eating disorders, roommate conflicts, diversity conflicts, sexual assault, and suicide ideation.

Presentation length: 45 minutes

Presentation set up needs: AV and screen

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“Ethical Dimensions of Leadership - Why people make bad choices?” by Ben Hopper, Director

What do you stand for? What do you believe in? What are you passionate about? What makes you tick? Answer these questions while learning about ethical dimensions of leadership and how you make decisions. You will learn about different ethical theories and be challenged with ethical dilemmas.

Presentation length: 45 minutes

Presentation set up needs: AV and screen

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“#Failfest: Learning From & Celebrating Failure” by Jordan Kocher, Assistant Director

This interactive presentation provides students the opportunity to examine the cause and effect of failure, learn to embrace it as a necessary step to success, and celebrate it in a humorous, positive way.

Presentation length: Customizable

Presentation set up needs: AV and screen

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“Feeding Your Fire through Personal Mission Statements” by Kathleen MacLeay, Assistant Director

Mission statements which guide and serve as a reminder of the goals of organizations. This interactive session will help students uncover core values and define themselves through introspection and self-awareness as they develop their own personal mission statement.

Presentation length: 45 minutes

Presentation set up needs: AV and screen

Contact email: kmacleay@k-state.edu

“Four Years for What? Marketing Your Sorority/Fraternity Experience” by Jordan Kocher, Assistant Director

This presentation helps students apply their fraternity/sorority experience to their resumes, their job search, interviews, and more.

Presentation length: Customizable

Presentation set up needs: AV and screen

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“Gingerbread Cookies & the Genderbread Person” by Kathleen MacLeay, Assistant Director

A lot of us have been taught that gender means either boy or girl. But for any guy who likes pink, or any girl who expresses masculine traits, we realize that gender is not binary. Sex is not gender and gender is complicated. This presentation includes homemade gingerbread cookies and will explore gender identity, gender expression, and actions to show inclusivity.

Presentation length: 45 minutes

Presentation set up needs: AV and screen

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“Help Me, Help You: Practicing Self-Care” by Jordan Kocher, Assistant Director

Students are over-scheduled, pulled in every direction, and trying to do it all. It's time we learn to take care of ourselves so that we can better interact with and serve the people in our lives. This interactive session covers the purpose of self-care, best practices, and how to make an impact others.

Presentation length: 30 minutes

Presentation set up needs: AV & screen

Contact email: jkocher@k-state.edu

“Leading By Example: Combatting Microaggressions” by Kathleen MacLeay, Assistant Director

Often unintentional, microaggressions are brief and common verbal and behavioral actions that may be hostile and lead to an unfriendly environment. This session explores this form of behavior and offers strategies for recognizing and addressing this phenomenon.

Presentation length: 45 minutes

Presentation set up needs: AV and screen

Contact email: kmacleay@k-state.edu

“Make Greek Great Again” by Kyle Kubovcik, Graduate Assistant

Is fraternity and sorority life still relevant today? This session will be a discussion on how fraternal values have gone to the wayside, and how individual chapters can make an effort to get the fraternal community back on track.

Presentation length: 30 minutes

Presentation set up needs: AV & screen

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“Make the Event More than an Event” by Ben Hopper, Director

Get creative and make your next philanthropy, date party, or social function memorable. Spruce up your programs with some imaginative decorations, themes, and giveaways. Just by adding a little creative spark, your event can go from “It was okay...” to “That was amazing!” It’s important to worry about the logistics of the event, but the little extras make the event more memorable. You’ll get to thinking about making the event more than just an event.

Presentation length: 45 minutes

Presentation set up needs: AV and screen

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“Mindfulness Meditation for Exams” by Kathleen MacLeay, Assistant Director

Do midterms or finals have your chapter in stressed out/chaotic funk? Well then it’s time to take a step back and relax! Take some time to put the studying aside for this body scan mediation session. After a brief discussion on stress and balance, participants will be led in twenty minute meditation exercise. Participants are guaranteed to leave feeling relaxed, refocused, and re-energized for those exams!

Presentation length: 45 minutes

Presentation set up needs: AV and screen

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“Risk Management...More than Managing Alcohol” by Ben Hopper, Director

Risks are any actions that have a potential to result in negative consequences for others or ourselves. Keeping members and guests safe is the entire reason risk management policies exist. It is hard to fully eliminate all risk, but it is feasible to avoid situations that make any injury a possibility.

Presentation length: 30 minutes

Presentation set up needs: AV and screen

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“School Tips and Salsa with Chips” by Jordan Kocher, Assistant Director

College can be difficult for a variety of academic and personal reasons. This session helps first-year students be successful in and outside the classroom as they progress through their education by covering study skills, accessing resources, and building support systems. Best done in groups of 40 or less, this lecture includes chips and salsa.

Presentation length: 45 minutes

Presentation set up needs: AV and screen

Additional notes: Max of 40 people for presentation. Best for new members or first-year students

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“The Things We Don't Talk About” by Jordan Kocher, Assistant Director

Alcohol, hazing, we get it! But what are the things fraternity & sorority members fail to address? This presentation covers hard topics in an impactful way; we should be talking about things like mental health, racism, and brotherhood/sisterhood problems.

Presentation Length: Customizable

Presentation set up needs: AV and screen

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“What is Fraternity and Sorority Life?” by Ben Hopper, Director

Learn about the history of the K-State fraternity and sorority community, as well how the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils operate. Hear from the director of Fraternity and Sorority Life about the philosophy and goals of the office and the staff. We will also discuss current trends and issues in the fraternal movement.

Presentation length: Customizable

Presentation set up needs: None

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“Win as Much as You Can...” by Ben Hopper, Director

This interactive game breaks you in to teams. The objective: win as much as you can. As we play this game, we'll walk through group dynamics and how decisions are made.

Presentation length: Customizable

Presentation set up needs: None

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“Working a Table: An Informative Method on Effective Techniques” by Jacob Isaacson, Graduate Assistant

"Working a Table" covers the topic of effectively working a chapter table for the purposes of new member recruitment, philanthropy efforts, or informational booths. During the presentation, you will learn proper preparation items, professional table set-up, and how to maximize the end goal of the table.

Presentation length: Customizable

Presentation set up needs: AV and screen

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