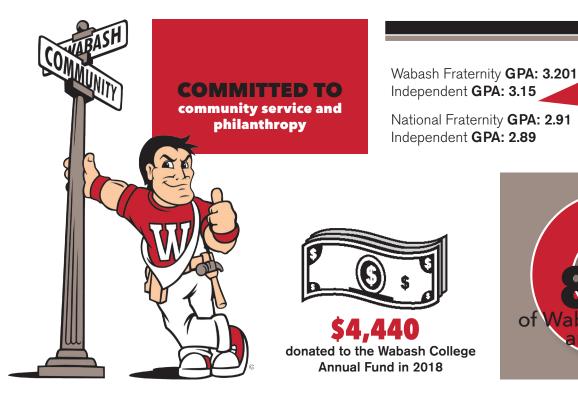


## FRATERNITY FACTS





## **HISTORY OF GREEK LIFE AT WABASH**

"In 1846, Beta Theta Pi became the first of many fraternities on campus. Through the years, the college and fraternities have been partners to sustain and promote this special small, independent, residential, liberal arts college for men" (Pactor, J., 2015). Fraternities at Wabash were initially organized as literary societies, a place where college students could gather and discuss great books. These organizations operated underground for several years before finally gaining mainstream acceptance in 1863. Chapters began moving into their own houses in the early 1900s. As fraternities grew in popularity, they eventually became essential parts of campus life. In the last fifteen years, many of the fraternity houses on campus have either been completely rebuilt or renovated. Our fraternities operate largely in a system of self-governance. Fraternities are responsible for managing their own budgets, planning events, providing food service, educating members, maintaining academic excellence, and guiding the social life of the College.

## **NEXT STEPS**

- Spend some time at Admitted Student Weekend visiting all the fraternities and getting to know our members.
- Fraternities can extend bids to prospective students beginning on Mar. 22, 2019.
- Students can accept bids during Admitted Student Weekends—Mar. 22-23, and April 12-13, 2019. (Fraternities will likely have several recruitment events between now and the start of classes in Aug. 2019.)
- Take advantage of the opportunities. It is your best chance to explore Greek Life at Wabash College and see whether or not it is right for you!

## **GLOSSARY**

**Rush:** the period of time which fraternities may pursue prospective students; begins on December 1st and concludes the day classes start in August.

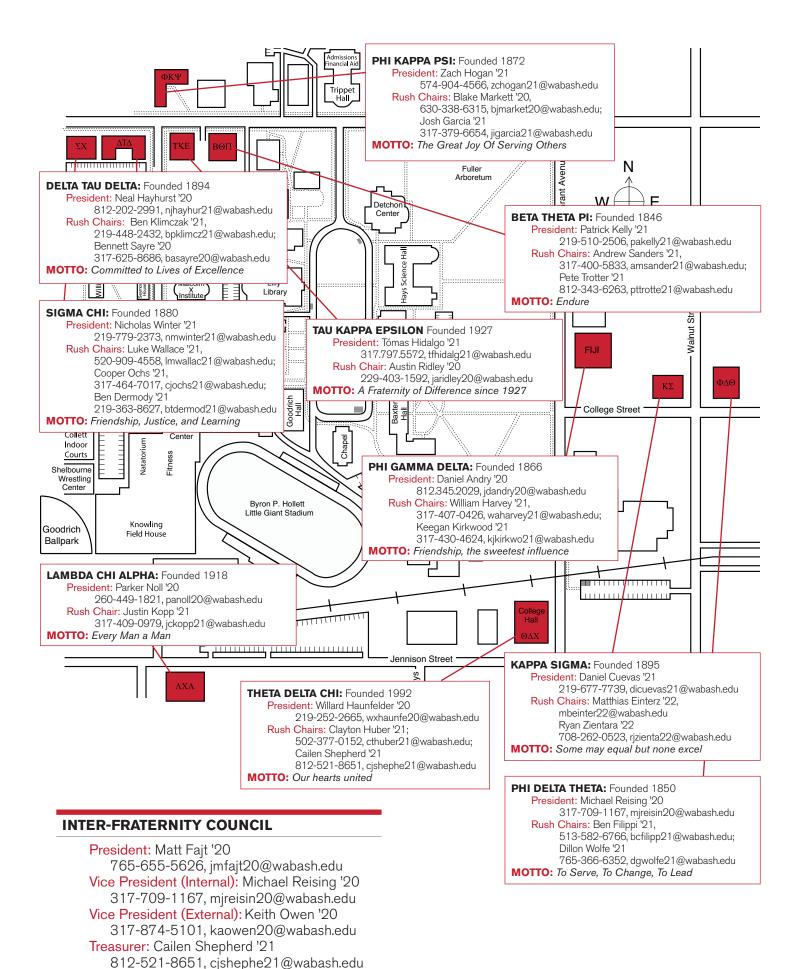
**Bid:** a formal invitation to a prospective student to join a fraternity; a student may accept, hold, or decline.

Accept: a binding decision to join the house upon matriculation to Wabash; a promise that if the student comes to Wabash, he will join that fraternity. A student may only accept one bid.

**Hold:** a decision by the student to take some time and consider the offer to join a fraternity; a student may hold their bid until the fraternity closes their pledge class, i.e., once the class is full.

**Decline:** a binding decision to reject the bid from a fraternity.

Closed pledge class: a declaration by a fraternity that its rush period is over and no further bids will be extended.



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