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## OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES 2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT

**Mission: To promote the social, personal, and professional development of students by providing opportunities for growth and networking.**

The Office of Student Activities (OSA) staff works diligently to ensure that students are just involved and engaged. It is an ongoing goal to ensure all students find a niche, providing them a sense of belonging and comfort, whether through involvement in a student organization, being a member of Greek Life, or attending an OSA event.

This report will address the following areas:

- Student Involvement and Engagement
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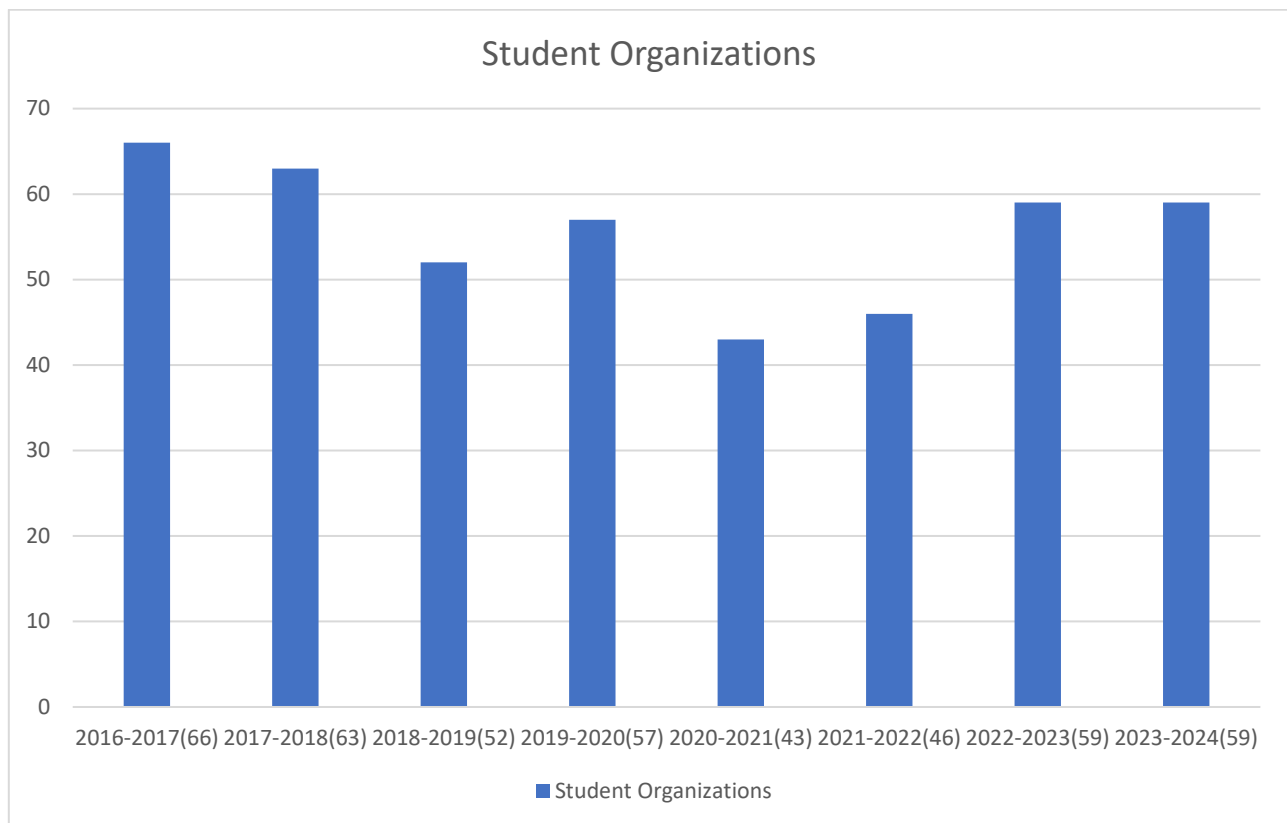
**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS BY THE NUMBERS:**

A large function of the Office of Student Activities is to support, advise, and mentor our student organizations. Student organizations have gradually increased over the years. Pre-COVID, we had 57 organizations which declined every year from 2016-2019.

After returning to campus for the Fall 2021 semester we have increased our organizations from 43 during 2020-2021 to 46 during 2021-2022. This past academic year we had an increase of 28% in our organizations bringing our number to 59. The number of student organizations have remained the same from 2022-2023 to 2023-2024. We transitioned Club Sports (7 in total) to Campus Recreation. This allows these student organizations more support. If we kept them, our number would have been 66 active student organizations.

*Below is a chart of active number of student organizations during the past 8 academic years.*

*This number does not include Fraternities/Sororities.*



We have completed two rounds of new student organization applications. We accept applications from April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> for the fall semester and November 1<sup>st</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup> for the spring semester. For the academic year we had 20 new organizations. The approval and on-boarding of new organizations is supported by our Assistant Director of Student Activities.

For Fall 2024, we had 9 applications submitted which are currently under review.

<b>The new clubs for Fall 2023:</b>	<b>The new clubs for Spring 2024:</b>
Afro-Caribbean Dance Team	Afghan Student Association
Biology Club	Cooks ‘n’ Crooks (Cooking Club)
Creative Writing Club	Criminal Justice Club
Farmingdale Cricket Club	Dental Club
Farmingdale Dance Team	Helping Hands Society
Farmingdale Chapter GDSC	Machine Learning and AI Club
Girl Gains	NAMI on Campus
International Student Organization	Nepalese Student Association
Rock Band Club	
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers	
SoSo Natural	
Student Investment Club	

**STUDENT ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION:**

In order to be recognized (active status), a student organization must maintain a roster of 10 Farmingdale State College students and an executive board that minimally consists of a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. We highly encourage additional officers and/or co-positions to increase students in leadership positions and aid in transitions of leadership. All paperwork related to this process is found and submitted via RamCentral, an online network

Members of the executive board must re-register their organization with the Office of Student Activities via RamCentral every semester. This is what communicates that the organization intends on having an active status for the upcoming semester. This process takes approximately 5 minutes

to complete. In this step, the organization's president or primary contact will indicate who the executive board officers are going to be, declare a Primary Advisor, and upload the organization's constitution. Once this step is complete, the OSA staff will review each student officer for eligibility. We require that all officers be in "good standing" with the college. Any officer who is ineligible is informed directly by the OSA staff. Any organization registration will not be approved until all officers are eligible to hold the position. Organization leaders have until the advertised deadline to complete this process. To maintain an "active status", all officers must complete the required training sessions and the organization must hold at least one general membership meeting per month.

Executive Board members must complete three training items for their organization to be considered "active".

- **RamCentral E/Board Training:**
  - This training is conducted in a "learn at your own pace" module that outlines required items and expectations for Executive Board members. It also covers the basics of using RamCentral as an 'administrator'; officers are given administrative access in their portal once their training is complete.
  - 317 RamCentral/E-Board trainings were submitted during the 2023-2024 Academic Year; 185 Fall 2023; 132 Spring 2024
  
- **Sexual Assault Prevention Training (per SUNY mandate):**
  - In partnership with Kathleen Flynn, Title IX coordinator, every member of a student organization Executive Board is required to attend a session.
  - 171 organization officers attended a session during the 2023-2024 Academic Year; 113 Fall 2023; 58 Spring 2024
  - 13 sessions were held during the 2023-2024 Academic Year: 7 Fall 2023; 6 Spring 2024
  
- **Student Government Financial Tutorial:**
  - During the 2021-2022, the SGA Accountant created and implemented a financial tutorial that is required by all SGA funded organizations to complete. We require that the Presidents and Treasurers complete this training to ensure they are aware of all policies regarding SGA allocated funds
  - 447 financial tutorials were completed. This number is higher than the other two trainings because they are required to complete it every semester. The other two trainings are only required once during their time as an Executive Board Member.

Since last year's "Lunch and Learn" officer transition session was so successful, we held another session at the end of the Fall 2024 semester on May 7, 2024. 49 new and returning officers attended. This allowed incoming officers to begin completing their required training sessions as well as provided an opportunity to connect with their Program Advisor in the OSA. Our intention

with this session was to allow students an opportunity to get their questions answered and begin the process of re-registration early to reduce unnecessary stress once the fall semester starts. The session was overwhelmingly successful and our student officers appreciated the proactive information.

Each student organization is assigned one of the OSA staff members to serve as a “Program Advisor”. A “Program Advisor” is there to guide organizations in the event planning process. This staff member will be the main point of contact between the organization and the OSA.

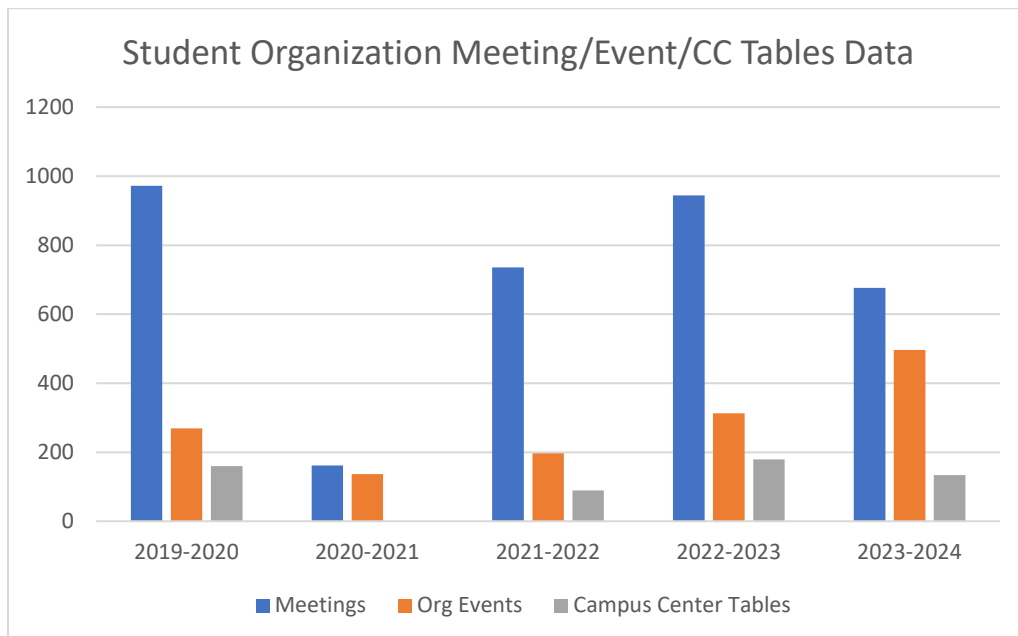
**STUDENT ORGANIZATION EVENTS:**

Below is a chart outlining the student organizations and the total number of meetings, advertising tables, and events.

Meetings: 676 total meetings were scheduled this past academic year (305 Fall 2023, 371 Spring 2024). The reduction in this number from last year can be contributed to several factors: a change in the way the ‘meeting’ category has been used, the transition of club sports groups to Campus Recreation (and therefore no reservations are coming through the OSA for these groups), and the significant decrease of useable space for all student organization gatherings. Post COVID, we have also had a number of student organizations incorporate virtual meetings and virtual guest speaker events into their event offerings.

- Events: 236 Fall 2023, 260 Spring 2024 (Includes Advertising Tables)
- Advertising Tables: 68 Fall 2023, 66 Spring 2024

*Interesting Note: pre-COVID we had an overwhelming demand for Campus Center Tables. During the Fall 2021 semester, custodial added 2 additional tables. They have been vastly underutilized*



## **OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES EVENTS:**

With the addition of 4 professional staff members since the end of the 2023-2024 academic year, the Office of Student Activities has been able to once again make significant increases in our programming offered to the student body at large. Our events range from DEI focused celebrations, to food trucks, to DIY nights, off campus trips, and other social events. This year we were able to offer 94 unique programs. We offered 54 during the Fall 2023 Semester and another 40 during the Spring 2024 semester.

The success of our events on campus are largely due to our Student Programming Assistants (SPA). The SPA position was introduced during the Fall 2021 semester. Currently we employ 4 students for 10-18 hours a week to plan, develop, and execute the office's programming. Below is a chart including all our events for 2023-2024, broken down by each semester.

Some increase in event attendance can be contributed towards the increased focus on social media. Currently the OSA Instagram has nearly 3,600 followers, a 36% increase during the past academic year. This has been done through the implementation of a social media calendar, and having dedicated SPAs to focus on these improvements. Moving forward, the office plans to create a Facebook page to reach additional members of the Farmingdale community. Additionally, SPAs will continue to work closely with the professional staff to ensure proper promotion of department activities and club specific efforts.

Farewell to Farmingdale also made a return. Farewell to Farmingdale is an end of the year gala where students (of all class years) can come together and celebrate the close of another academic year. We hosted over 225 students at Jericho Terrace in Mineola for a night of dancing, food, and fun.

We closed out the 2024 academic year with our annual concert and carnival, RamChella! This year, we expanded on multiple aspects of the event, making it our most successful event yet. Changes include a complete rebranding of the event, expanded polling of the campus, and a bigger carnival, as well as incorporating an opening artist to the concert lineup. Additionally, we upgraded the stage, both in size and production quality, featuring RamChella's new logo on large banners on either side of the stage. These efforts resulted in a great turnout, with over 1,700 students in attendance, a 40% increase from 2023.

Looking forward, the OSA team plans to continue to expand their efforts of positive and meaningful engagement with the Farmingdale student community. As annual events continue to evolve and grow, there is a focus on ensuring diverse opportunities and experiences reflective of the diverse population on campus.

**FALL 2023:**

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	# of Folks
Donuts & Directions	8/28/2023	9am-2pm	CC Lawn	500+
Food Truck	8/29/2023	2pm-4pm	CC Lawn	300
Movie on the Lawn: Scream VI	8/28/2023	8pm	CC Lawn	100+
Bingo 4 Books	8/29/2023	11am-1pm	CC Ballroom (Whole)	165
Bonfire	8/30/2023	8pm	Sinclair Lawn	125
Breakfast to go with Buzz'd Coffee	8/30/2023	9am-2pm	CC Lawn	300
DIY Night	8/30/2023	5pm-7pm	QUIN 100	60
Lawn Party w. Campus Rec Boba/Sobol	8/31/2023	11am - 2pm	CC Lawn	340+
Silent Disco	8/31/2023	7:30-9:30pm	CC Lawn	50
Welcome Back BBQ	9/5/2023	11am-2pm	CC Lawn	500+
Mobile Pottery	9/6/2023	11am-2pm	CC Amphitheatre	65
Comedy Trivia	9/7/2023	6pm	CC Ballroom (Whole)	40
Why Go Greek?	9/7/2023	11am-1pm	CC Lawn	250
Movie on the Lawn: Encanto	9/12/2023	8pm	CC Lawn	40
Involvement Fair	9/12/2023	11am-1pm	CC Lawns (3)	800+
Outdoor Karaoke	9/13/2023	11am-1pm	CC Amphitheatre	100
Mister Softee	9/13/2023	11am-1pm	CC Lawn	300
Hypnotist	9/13/2023	7pm-9pm	CC Ballroom A	40
Snack Time	9/14/2023	11am-1pm	CC Amphitheatre	300+
Mets Game	9/15/2023	7:10pm	CitiField	40
Hamilton	9/17/2023	1pm	NYC	36
Constitution Day	9/18/2023	10am-2pm	CC Table 3	100
Food Truck Tuesday: Halal & All American Wonton	9/19/2023	11am-1pm	CC Lawn	200
Mocktail Paint and Sip	9/20/2023	6:30pm	Sinclair Pit	60
HHM Block Party	9/21/2023	11am-1pm	CC lawn, Patio, Amp	350
Adventureland	9/26/2023	12-3pm	Adventureland	350
DIY Night	9/27/2023	5pm-7pm	QUIN 100	130
Kona Ice Truck & Halal	9/28/2023	11-2pm	CC Lawn	250
Monday Night Football	10/2/2023	8pm	CC Lawn	100

Food Truck Tuesday: Halal & Swell Taco	10/3/2023	8pm	CC Lawn	190+
Spring 2024 Events Table	10/5/2023	11am-2pm	CC Table 3	60
Movie on the Lawn: Rocketman	10/9/2023	8pm	CC Lawn	5
Food Truck Tuesday: Utopia Bagel & Halal	10/10/2023	9am-12pm	CC Lawn	290
Line Dancing	10/10/2023	11am-12pm	TBD	15
National Coming Out Day	10/11/2023	11am-1pm	CC Lobby Vestibule 3 + Table 1, 2, 5, 6	200
Campus Rec Soccer Tourney	10/11/2023	6-10pm	Nold Aux Gym	85
Food Truck Tuesday: Halal	10/17/2023	11am-2pm	CC Lawn	40
Drag Bingo	10/18/2023	6pm	CC Ballroom A	25
Six Flags	10/20/2023	2pm	Six Flags	100
Suicide Prevention Day	10/24/2023	11am-2pm	CC Vestibule	50
LGBTQ Movie Night: Red White & Royal Blue	10/24/2023	7pm	CC Ballroom A	0
DIY Night (Taylor Swift Friendship Bracelets)	10/25/2023	5pm-7pm	QUIN 100	12
Halloween	10/31/2023	11am-2pm	CC Vestibule	200
Food Truck Tuesday: Halal	11/7/2023	11am-2pm	CC Lawn	40
Basketball Opener	11/8/2023		Nold Main Gym	
Karaoke Night	11/9/2023	6pm	Quintyne Basement	50
NAM Celebration	11/14/2023	11am	CC Ballroom A	40
NAM Movie: Pocahontas	11/20/2023	7pm	QUIN 100	0
DIY Night (Craft Night)	11/29/2023	5pm-7pm	QUIN 100	25
Radio Bingo	12/5/2023	6pm	CC Ballroom B/C	14
Finals Week: Pizza	12/6/2023	9am-5pm	QUIN 100 and Library	200
Finals Week: Utopia	12/7/2023	9am-12pm	CC Lawn	200
Finals Week: Buzz'd Coffee Truck	12/12/2023	9am	CC Lawn	300
Finals Week: Snacks and Self Cafe	12/13/2023	9am-5pm	QUIN 100	100

**SPRING 2024:**

EVENT		TIME	LOCATION	# of Folks
Donuts & Directions	1/22/2024	9am-1pm	CC Alcove	300



Bingo 4 Books	1/23/2024	11am – 1pm	CC Ballroom (Whole)	200
Winter Wonderland	1/25/2024	4-7pm	CC Patio, CC Amphitheater	125
Food Truck Tuesday (Utopia)	1/30/2024	9am-1pm	CC Lawn	250
DIY Night (1/3)	1/31/2024	5-7pm	Quintyne Hall 100	50
Black History Month Movie	2/1/2024	7-9pm	CC Ballroom (A)	10
Soul Food Café	2/6/2024	11am-1pm	CC Ballroom (Whole)	250
P.S. I love you day	2/8/2024	11am-1pm	CC Alcove	150
Involvement Fair	2/13/2024	11-12:30pm	CC Ballroom (Whole)	250
Valentine's Day	2/14/2024	11am-1pm	CC Alcove	100
OSA Trivia Night	2/21/2024	6:30-8:30pm	Ballroom (A)	20
Food Truck Tuesday	2/24/2024	11am-1pm	CC Lawn	250
Leap Year Event	2/29/2024	11am-1pm	CC Alcove	100
Women's History Month Movie - Barbie	3/4/2024	7-9pm	CC Ballroom (A)	20
Food Truck Tuesday (The Steak Truck)	3/5/2024	11am-1pm	CC Lawn	150
DIY Night (2/3)	3/6/2024	5pm-7pm	Quintyne Hall 100	100
Food Truck/Breakfast (Buzz'd)	3/18/2024	9am-1pm	CC Lawn	240
Food Truck Tuesday (All American Wonton)	3/19/2024	11am-1pm	CC Lawn	250
Food Truck Tuesday (tommy pickles & Kung Fu)	3/26/2024	11am – 1pm	CC Lawn	600
Phenomenal Womyn's Banquet	3/28/2024	11-12:30pm	CC Ballroom (Whole)	150
Food Truck Tuesday (No Good Burger)	4/2/2024	11am-1pm	CC Lawn	200
AAPI Month Movie - Everything Everywhere	4/2/2024	7-9pm	CC Ballroom A	2
Solar Eclipse	4/8/2024	3pm-4pm	CC Lawn	600+
Silent Disco	4/8/2024	7-9pm	CC Lawn ( <i>Rain: Ballroom B/C</i> )	20
Bubble Tea & SoBol w/ Campus Rec & Karaoke	4/9/2024	11am-1pm	CC Lawn + Patio ( <i>CC Alcove</i> )	500
Food Truck: The Big Cheese	4/10/2024	11am-1pm	CC Lawn	175
AAPI Reception	4/11/2024	11am-1pm	CC Ballroom (Whole)	100

Fountain Fest	4/16/2024	11am-1pm	Fountain ( <i>Rain Date: 4/25</i> )	900
Mobile Pottery	4/17/2024	10am-2pm	CC Lawn, Amphitheater ( <i>Rain Date: 4/17</i> )	60
DIY Night (3/3)	4/17/2024	5-7pm	Quintyne Hall 100	15
DIY Floral Bouquets	4/22/2024	3pm-5pm	Amphitheater	100
Earth Day Celebration/Petting Zoo	4/23/2024	11am-1pm	CC Lawn	300
Food Truck Tuesday (Green Street)	4/23/2024	11am-1pm	CC Lawn	200
Duck Hunt	4/24/2024	9am-5pm	Quintyne Hall 110	40
Food Truck: Mister Softee	4/29/2024	12-3pm	CC Lawn	400
Campus Life Awards	4/30/2024	11am-1pm	CC Ballroom (Whole)	100
Concert	5/2/2024	ALL DAY	OUTSIDE	1800
Last Day: Kona Ice & Mister Softee	5/7/2024	11am-1pm	CC Patio/Lawn	500
OSA Officer Transition	5/7/2024	11am-12pm	Gleeson 104	100
OSA Finals Week	5/9/2024	9am-5pm	Quintyne Hall 100	600

Homecoming made a return for the first time in recent years. This was a partnership between Athletics/Student Activities/Campus Recreation/Dean of Students/Alumni Engagement and various other offices supporting the execution of the events.

We did a series of events including: Talks on Tap, Kick/pass/punt, a homecoming tailgate complete with food trucks, DJ, and inflatables. We did a viewing of Monday Night Football/Manning Cast and rounded out the event with hosting Eli Manning on campus. A record number of folks packed out the Nold Gymnasium.

Campus Life Awards are held every Spring to show value and recognition to our hardworking student leaders and student organizations.

<b>AWARD</b>	<b>RECIPIENT</b>
Campus Life Award	Mazen Kapadi
FSC Spirit Award	Daniela Figueroa
Unsung Hero Award	Carolina Apaza
Rising Star Award	Angel Martinez
Student Service Award	Harshdeep Singh
Student Service Award	Diego Espinal Duran
Fraternity of the Year	Alpha Sigma Phi
Sorority of the Year	Delta Phi Epsilon
Club of the Year	Muslim Student Association
Advisor of the Year	Eric Anderson, ACT
Program of the Year	Black Empowerment Gala, NAACP, ACC, NSBE, ACDT
Community Service Event of the Year	CANstruction, ACT
Emerging Leader	Anthony Ignieri, Alpha Phi Delta
Leadership Excellence	Jairo Orozco
Professional Development Award	Criminal justice Club
Resiliency Award	RAM Motorsports
New Club of the Year	NAMI

<b>Campus Recreation:</b>	
Campus Rec Employee of the Year	Nicholas Pompei
Club Sport of the Year	Cricket
Club Sport Athlete of the Year	Tim Duffy, Ice Hockey
Club Sport Leader of the Year	Sonia Paletta, Rock Climbing
Intramural Participant of the Year	Matthew Latimer
Intramural Participant of the Year	Aidan Amato

<b>Office of Residence Life:</b>	
RA Program of the Year	Breast Cancer Awareness Bonfire
RA Community Engager of the Year	Brandon Jean-Pierre
Rookie RA of the Year	Tomas Del Vino
RA of the Year	Alexander Rodriguez

## **STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:**

The Student Government Association is in its 12<sup>th</sup> year of existence on campus and has been a 503C, not for profit since 2019. The Student Government Association had a great year and was able to expand a lot of action items and goals.

Student Government Elections were held in early April and voter turnout increased 37% for the Spring 2024 elections. For the first time in recent years we had contested elections. Both Treasurer and Secretary had contested elections.

The SGA has also filled a record number of Senator spots. For the first time in SGA's history, they will start an academic year with a full senate. Senate consist of 9 senators at large and 2 senators from each of the four schools.

The SGA gifts the campus an annual "present" every year. This year the SGA will fund a number of Adirondack chairs out by the Campus Center. A long-term goal that was intended to be part of the campus gift was the addition of a "Club Hub" a shared collaborative workspace for student organizations. This will take some time due to space constraints on campus.

FSC SGA has been active within in SUNY Student Assembly (SA). Farmingdale Student Government was able to send 10 students to both the fall conference held in Syracuse, NY and the spring conference held in Glen Falls, NY. Both semesters, FSC had the largest delegation in attendance. President-elect Jairo Orozco unsuccessfully ran for SUNY SA Treasurer, where Senator Mazen Kapadi successfully was elected as the Ag/Tech representative.

The incoming SGA President and Vice President, who are both returning executive board members are working hand in hand over the summer to keep the momentum going.

SGA's budget has been increased in several areas including providing more financial access to Residence Life, DEI programming, increasing in large programming.

SGA is looking to streamline how student groups and departments collaborate, whether as a financial source or programmatic partner. SGA executive board will launch an official SGA Collaborative Form so departments and student organizations can officially request to work with SGA. This will create a fair and equitable approach.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION FINANCES:**

The chart below shows the paperwork that has been processed via Student Government’s Accountant Debra Ciancio. The Director of Student Activities and SGA Treasurer approve EAFs and REQs, but all other processing is handled solely by Debra.

Terminology:

EAF: Expense Authorization Form- each purchase must have a pre-approved EAF “attached” to it.

REQs: Requisition: Settlement of purchased. This is either done via a paper check or an online purchase using the PEX card. PEX are debit cards that are managed by the SGA Accountant.

- *Pex usage has increased dramatically due to the easy nature of using a debit card opposed to waiting for a check.*

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
EAFs Processed	553	409	76	382	680	998
REQs Processed - Checks	409	269	100	177	375	501
REQs Processed -- PEX	92	86	36	98	240	324
Financial Tutorial Submissions	0	0	0	334	312	447
Additional Fund Requests	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16	26
<b>Total Forms Processed</b>	<b>1054</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>1607</b>	<b>2296</b>

NOTES:

- *Reasons for discrepancy between REQ's Processed and EAF's Processed:*
  - *Multiple EAF's are processed with 1 REQ.*
  - *EAF's may be submitted and never used*
  - *Multiple checks are prepared for 1 EAF*
    - *ex. Stipends*
- *REQ's for T&A Accounts are not reflected in REQ total*

Financial Tutorial Submissions- Created on Ram Central as a means to present Financial Processing for Clubs and test knowledge.

REQ's paid with PEX Card, although convenient, creates significantly more work due to the following:

- Each PEX Req requires an Additional process and form to Request Funds that are put on to the individual Program Advisors Card
- Purchases/Postings on PEX Account need to be verified/confirmed
- Each PEX REQ can contain multiple purchases, multiple vendors and time delay postings
- PEX consist of 2 Accounts- Bank and Card Balance which needs to be reconciled monthly- this includes individual activity on 7 Cards.

REQ's paid by check are usually for one vendor unless it is a reimbursement or for SGA Stipends.

Additional Fund Request implemented as a means for clubs to access funds beyond their approved budget and fund new clubs.

### **FRATERNITY/SORORITY LIFE:**

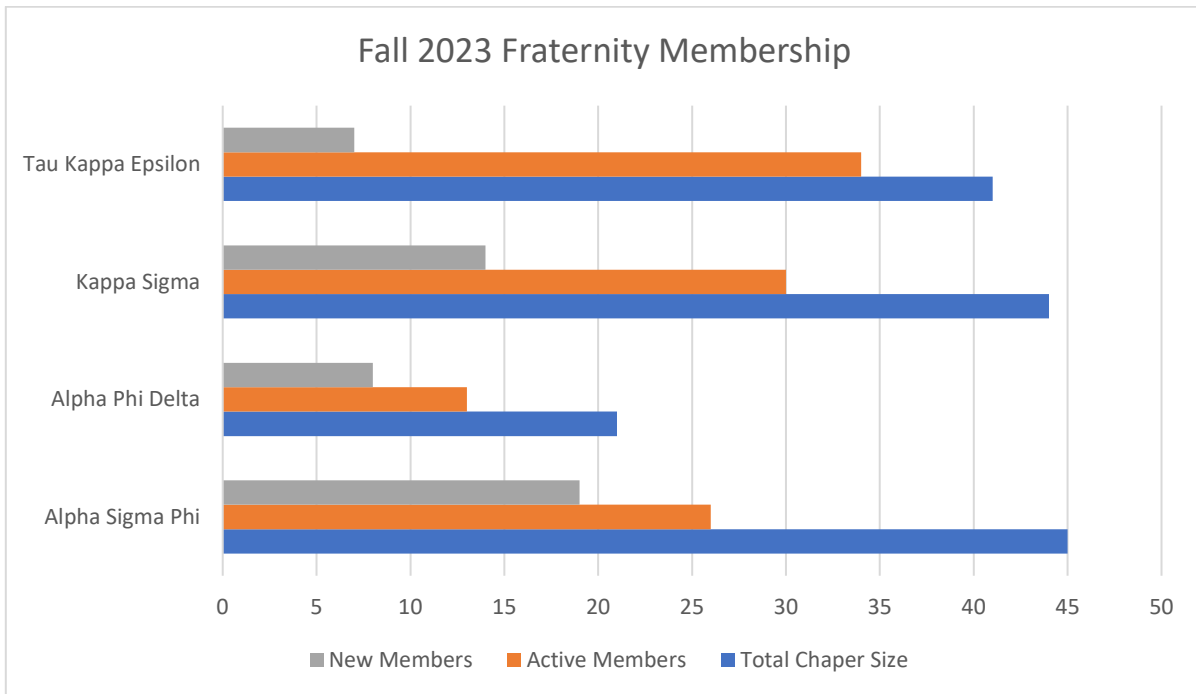
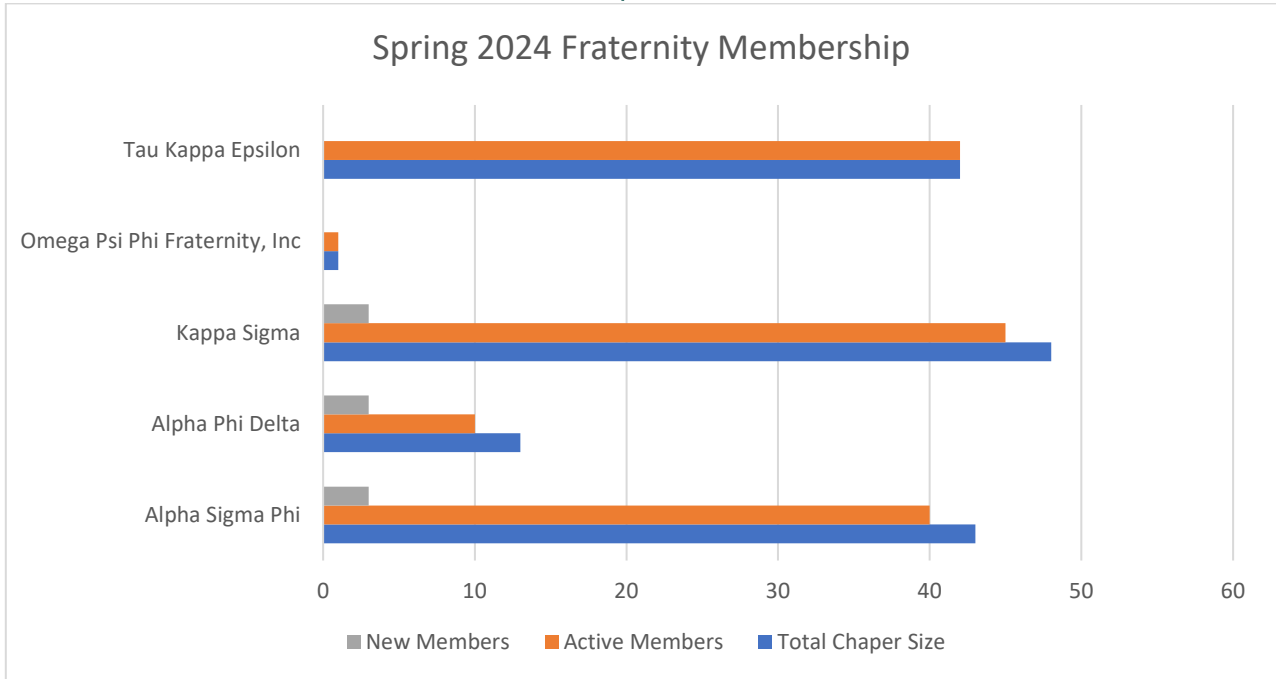
Fraternities and sororities have made tremendous contributions to campus life. With each new chapter, students get a new option to get involved in a student organization and participate in community service.

#### *Fraternities*

There currently are five fraternities –Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), Omega Psi Phi, Kappa Sigma, Alpha Sigma Phi, and Alpha Phi Delta (ADP).

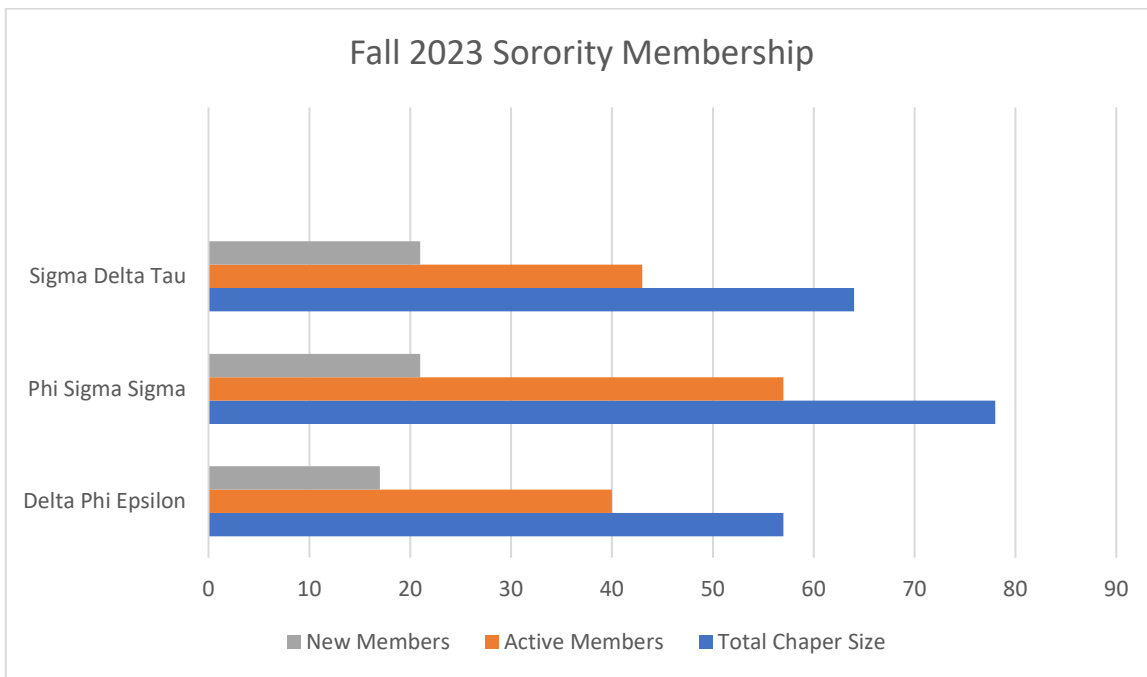
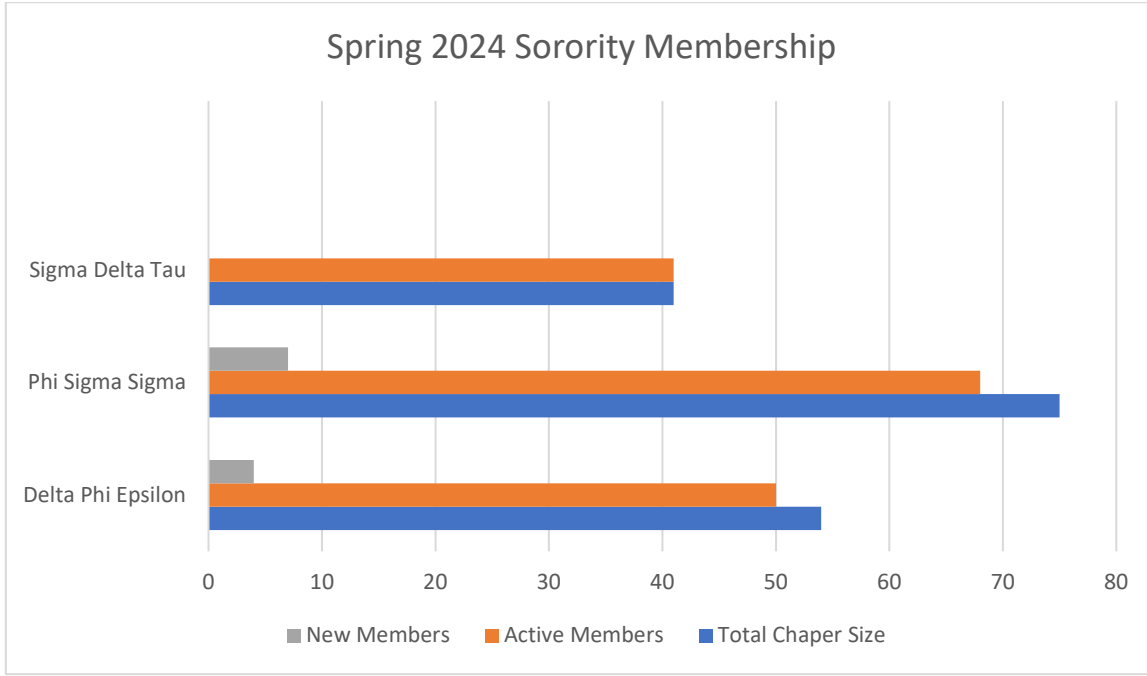
Omega Psi Phi is still the only organization who is a part of National Pan-Hellenic Council on campus. This fact is significant because NPHC is a collaborative organization of nine historically African American, international Greek lettered fraternities and sororities. We are planning to host an NPHC Expo in the Fall with the goal of showing other NPHC Organizations that Farmingdale State College is interested in having more NPHC Organizations on campus.

We are currently also working to re-establish Phi Iota Alpha on campus. Phi Iota Alpha was our first organization on campus in 2011. They are a historically Latino Fraternity founded in 1931.



Sororities

There currently are three sororities- Sigma Delta Tau, Phi Sigma Sigma, and Delta Phi Epsilon on campus.





Farmingdale's Fraternity/Sorority Community is maintaining strong participation.

We are ending the Fall 23- Spring 24 academic year with 316 students involved. We are hoping to increase our student involvement in the Fall. With a strong Fall recruitment, we should be able to surpass 350 members.

For the first time since 2020 Greek Life leaders from our organizations attended the 2024 Northeast Greek Leadership Association Annual Conference in Hartford, CT.

NGLA offers an educational experience that provides our fraternal leaders with inspiration, hope, and vision to navigate the world. They brought back valuable skills and resources to help their chapters and the community. All members who attended had a positive experience so much so they have become ambassadors for the event, and new students have already asked if they can attend in 2025.

After a few semesters off students re-formed the Greek Council. Along with their planning and guidance they helped facilitate Greek Week. In a greater effort to be more present in the Farmingdale Community the Farmingdale Greek Council sponsored a Farmingdale little league softball team, even volunteering at their annual parade.

Each new member is required to attend a sexual assault prevention workshop hosted by the Title IX office. We offered 10 sessions and to date every new member has attended one.

In collaboration with the Title IX office, the Office of Student Activities brought in a sexual assault prevention speaker on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Bonny Shade came to campus to speak about her story and her survivorship. Over half of all Greek Life attended the event.

The Order of Omega, which is a Greek Life honor society, inducted 13 new members during the Spring 2024 semester.

Fraternity and Sorority Life is rooted in service work. Notable service projects over the 23-24 school year include: Alpha Phi Delta's Toys for Tots Fundraiser, SDT Fantasy Man, Alpha Sigma Phi's State Park Cleanup, Phi Sigma Sigmas Pie-a-Phi, Kappa Sigmas Cornhole Tournament, Tau Kappa Epsilons St. Judes TKE Bowl, and Delta Phi Epsilons 65 Roses Gala. For the 2023-2024 academic year Greek Life raised and reported over \$30,000 for various charities and community outreach with Delta Phi Epsilon being responsible for almost half of that total.

In a great showing of Fraternity/Sorority Life coming together to achieve a common goal, this past year during Greek Week all 7 organizations came together to collect cans and other food items for Long Island Cares. Long Island Cares provides the community with anywhere from 15-20,000 pounds of food each month. Together the groups collected over 70,000 items equaling to 46,000 pounds of food. Shattering the record for any one-day event held for LI Cares. They were featured in the Long Island Patch and will also be featured in the Long Island Cares Spring/Summer '24 Newsletter.

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023-2024**

The success of the Office of Student Activities despite some challenges has been overwhelming exciting this year.

The Spring 2024 semester in particular has been full of new and exciting collaborative approaches. We have been working with partners across campus both in and out of our division to move the needle forward. The Office of Student Activities is looking to capture this energy and move it forward.

The number of events, students involved, fraternity/sorority members, student organizations have maintained or increased.

The Office of Student Activities was able to onboard back to a full staff and each staff member have passion projects they have been working on.

We are redesigning how we offer trainings to our student organizations. For the past few years, everything has been virtual/form based. Amanda Cataldo has expanded the modalities for student organization trainings.

SGA President Orozco is looking to launch a leadership development program, called *Rams on the Rise* with help from Bryan Garcia, Dylan Gafarian, and the Office of Student Activities. Applications will go live in early August.

The biggest challenge OSA/student groups/Greek Life faces is space.

There have been challenges that are consistent throughout the years. There is always a struggle to secure large programming space. Space, especially large ones, is lacking on campus. The campus center ballroom is one of the most popular and nice space for events. One set up is permitted in the ballroom per day, limiting the number of groups that can use the space. The other struggle is that offices book the ballroom and then seem to cancel at the last minute or they could have been accommodated in a classroom space.

There are also costly custodial costs if student groups are looking to coordinate events during the weekends and late nights. This limits when students can plan events.

Looking forward to next year, the Office of Student Activities is hopeful in meeting goals of increasing Fraternity/Sorority Life to 350 members (up from 316), Hosting 110 events (up from 94), and increasing the recognized student clubs by 5% over 2023-2024. OSA will continue to reach across the aisle and partner with various offices both in and out of the division. Another long-term goal is to re-position the SGA to be a true student advocacy board on campus.