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Racial Diversity Greek Life Cookout

*This Event Is For Every
Greek Life Member*

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Why it's Important?

It's really important to me personally because I was in a sorority at the University of Alabama. I was a very active member of Kappa Delta from 2008-2012. I always wondered why sorority life was so racially exclusive in many different aspects. Many in Greek Life want that racial normative type of social role. I was active of slate, which I handled the intermural sporting events. It's important for Greek life to embrace every racial identity such as: African American, Caucasian, or Asian. While UA's Greek system has been slow to change, some members of the community agree that widespread integration needs to be addressed. I am addressing this very issue because Alabama in the past few years hasn't put much effort or time into racial diversity and intercultural gatherings in Greek life. I would be honored to help put this event together.

What Is the Cookout About?

The main theme to this cook out is identifying and expressing everyone's racial and social diversity. I would like to bring all of Panhellenic, Pan-Hellenic, InterFraternity Council, and United Greek Council organizations together for this cook out. By bringing intercultural people together, we can spark many new ideas about future social events such as day parties, swaps, and projects. This could lessen the racial divide with the members that are in charge of Greek Life counsel.



Steps To Kick Off The Cookout

Like any proposal or bill there are many steps to take for this to come into action:

- Contacting Alabama Panhellenic Association (APA) Office
- Proposing the planned event to Greek Affairs and the Panhellenic President
- I have contacted Sarah Suggs Panhellenic President in 2010.
- She is going to pass the proposal onto the current Panhellenic president now.
- Have the cookout and learn more about each fraternity/sorority racial diversity, but most of all have fun!