

**POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER
NEWSLETTER EDITION 2**

DEAR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS,

I am so excited to finally say that Panhellenic Recruitment is almost here! I hope you are as excited for Recruitment as we, the Recruitment Executive Board, are. With Recruitment beginning soon, I wanted to provide some final information that I hope helps answer any questions you have.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Face masks, that cover the nose and mouth, will be required for all PNMs, Pi Chis and Chapter Members during all Recruitment events including Orientation, Round 2, Round 3, Preferentials, and Bid day. In addition, masks will be required under the tent and on buses, you may remove your mask when you are outdoors and step away from the tent in a socially distant area or are walking from chapter facility to facility in a non crowded area.

The council will continue to monitor the health and wellness of all Potential New Members and current members. We will communicate any changes to the process via email and social media should there be an update to share.

TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING

You should have a place to live during the week of Recruitment. I understand that several apartment complexes do not allow students to move in until Recruitment is already in full swing so here are my recommendations for those who are in need of housing for a few days.

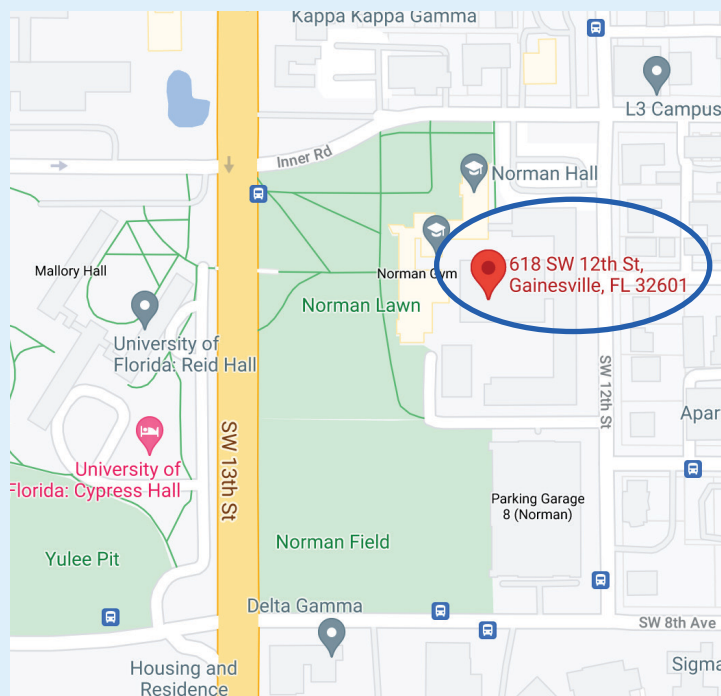
- Find a friend living on campus and stay in their residence hall, you both can walk to recruitment activities together
- Rent out a hotel room, perhaps with friends
- Rent out an Airbnb, also possibly with friends

Unfortunately, there is no reliable parking near Sorority Row. If you are late because you are looking for a parking space, you could potentially miss a party and the chance to speak with someone from that chapter for the entire round. **I strongly encourage walking to your home base in the morning.**

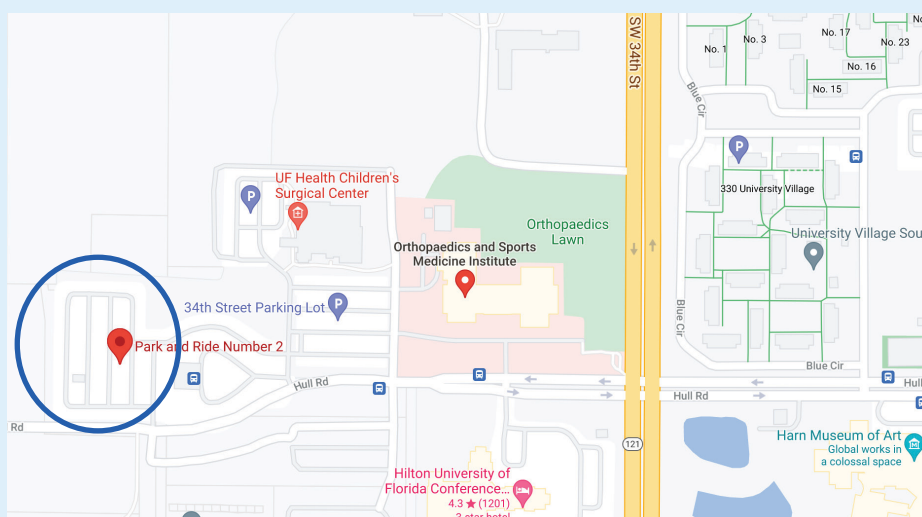
If you *must* drive, there is a parking lot at **34th Street Parking (Park & Ride #2)**, where a shuttle will take you to Sorority Row once in the morning and once in the evening. You can use the following address with your GPS: **3450 Hull Rd, Gainesville, FL 32607**, which is the **UF Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine Institute**. The parking lot will be past the building on the right.

If you *must* take an Uber or Lyft to or from sorority row please use this address, **618 SW 12th Street, Gainesville, FL 32611**. Below, I have provided the times that you should arrive at the parking lot and when the buses leave Sorority Row to make sure you do not miss the bus. I have also provided two maps: one that shows the Uber drop-off and pick-up location and one that shows where you should park for the shuttle.

Uber Drop-Off and Pick-Up



Shuttle Pick-Up



Morning Bus Schedule

August 19th:

- Please arrive at 6:30 A.M.
- Buses leave at 6:45 A.M.

August 20th:

- Please arrive at 7:30 A.M.
- Buses leave at 7:45 A.M.

August 21st:

- Please arrive at 6:30 A.M.
- Buses leave at 6:45 A.M.

August 22nd:

- Please arrive at 12:00 P.M.
- Buses leave at 12:15 P.M.

Afternoon Bus Schedule

August 19th:

- Buses leave Sorority Row at 7:35 P.M.

August 20th:

- Buses leave Sorority Row at 2:20 P.M.

August 21st:

- Buses leave Sorority Row at 11 P.M.

August 22nd:

- Buses leave Sorority Row at 9:20 P.M.

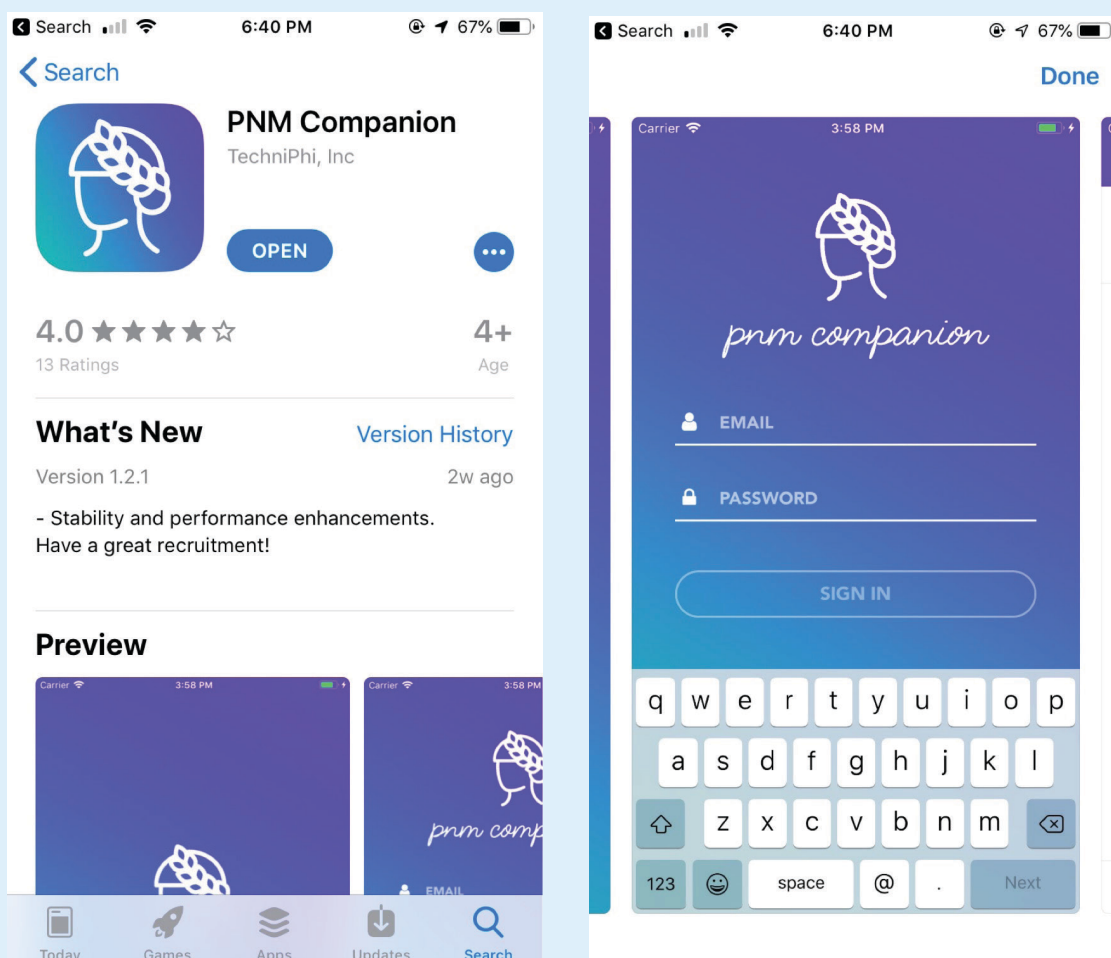
In the evenings, please utilize SNAP or walk with a buddy. Some rounds go late into the night and we do not want anyone walking alone at night. Please download the GatorSafe app which is an application that connects you to several resources, such as the ability to text 911 dispatchers if you are feeling unsafe.

ORIENTATION

This year, you will experience two parts to Orientation. First, there will be a virtual component to orientation where you are required to complete the modules, which will include videos and reflection questions, via LaunchPoint. **You must have these modules completed during the window by August 15th to continue with the recruitment process, you should have already received this email.** Following the completion of these modules, **on August 17th PNMs will attend a mandatory in-person Orientation at the O'Connell Center from 5-7 P.M., doors will open at 4 P.M.** Please do not bring anything other than your mask to expedite security. Here, you will receive a bag with a water bottle and other information needed throughout the week, meet with your Pi Chi group, hear from a guest speaker, meet other PNMs, and ask any final questions before Recruitment begins. It is really important that you attend because you will find out where you need to be for Round 1 preferencing the next day. **Absolutely no bags are allowed at orientation.** After orientation, you can head out to dinner, continue setting up your room, or finish watching all Round 1 videos if you have not done so.

There is also a parent version of PNMO for any family members who are interested in learning more about the Recruitment process and the benefits of Greek membership. The primary contact you submitted in your Registration application should be receiving a separate email to this Orientation.

Before Recruitment Orientation, please download the PNM Companion Application onto your phone. This app is an essential part to Recruitment because you will be able to access your schedule as well as submit preferences at the end of each round. You can log into your Campus Director account that you made to register for Recruitment on this app. If you are having issues logging in or any other technical difficulties, Orientation is the perfect time to notify your Pi Chis so that the issue can be resolved before Recruitment begins.



EXCUSES

If you are worried about missing any commitments during Recruitment, please email ufrecruitmentconflicts@gmail.com. The computer will try to work around your conflict, but we cannot guarantee that your schedule will be adjusted.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

At UF, letters of recommendation are not a necessity. There are other SEC schools that rely heavily on recommendation letters, but we do not. If you have a strong bond with an alumni member of a Panhellenic Chapter that wants to write you a recommendation, you should go right ahead, but do not stress about finding several alumni to write letters to. If you do have Letters of Recommendation and are unsure where to send them, please refer to the Recommendations tab on our website: <https://www.ufpanhellenic.org/recommendations>. Each chapter has specific instructions for where the letters should be sent. Although there is no specific due date, please have Letters of Recommendation sent over via email before the start of Recruitment.

WHAT TO EXPECT

During the in-person rounds of Recruitment, you will have the opportunity to have one-on-one conversations with Chapter Women. During these conversations you will be able to learn more about the chapters you have on your schedule. As the rounds progress I would encourage you to think of questions you would like to ask the Chapter Women to help give you a better idea of where you could see yourself at the end of Recruitment. Also, please know that you do not have to be worried that you must find a chapter woman and initiate a conversation. We want you to feel as comfortable as possible during this process and we do not want you to feel anxious the week leading up to Recruitment.

Recruitment is a stressful time and it is completely normal to feel overwhelmed. You will be making several big decisions and meeting many women, which can be confusing. If you feel like you are struggling with Recruitment, I encourage you to talk to with your Pi Chis. They have been trained in basic counseling skills to prepare for their experience. They also have recently been through Recruitment and will be able to empathize with your feelings.

STAY IN THE KNOW!

Make sure that you are following [@ufpanhellenic](#) on all of our social media platforms. We will be posting updates, outfit ideas, scheduling times, and other important information on our social media before and during Recruitment.

If you missed the first edition of our PNM Newsletter, you can find it on our website under resources at <https://www.ufpanhellenic.org/newsletters>.

A final piece of advice I want to give before Recruitment starts is to be yourself. These chapter women are so excited to meet and get to know you. Recruitment is an experience like no other, so enjoy Recruitment as much as possible. Even though this process can be stressful, it is one of the best weeks to make new friends, create lasting memories, and get a glimpse of what the Panhellenic Community could be like for you for the next few years. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me at pnmpichi@gmail.com. I cannot emphasize this enough, but I am so excited to meet you so soon!

Looking forward to this week!



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