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## Greek life expansion

### Baylor confirms ninth sorority

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Copy Editor

The Baylor Panhellenic Council unanimously approved an extension Tuesday afternoon, meaning a new sorority will be joining campus in spring 2019.

The council consists of delegates from each of the eight National Panhellenic organizations on campus, along with the Baylor Panhellenic Executive Board, which consists of an additional member from each organization.

Matt Burchett, director of student activities, wrote in an email to The Lariat that he is excited about the opportunity for Greek life involvement on campus to grow.

"The chartering of 15 new organizations this semester and the ongoing interest to bring new and diverse involvement opportunities to campus helps our community provide pathways for belonging and connection at Baylor," Burchett wrote.

"This includes Greek Life, where we anticipate adding multiple sororities to our NPC [National Panhellenic Conference], NPHC [National Pan-Hellenic Council] and MGC [National Multicultural Greek Council] communities."

Burchett wrote that this would be the first successful National Panhellenic Conference expansion in over 30 years on Baylor's campus. Burchett did not have information on the most recent attempt at expansion, as it was prior to his arrival in 2008.

"Our hope is that any addition of a new student organization helps to expand opportunities for students to belong and thrive on campus," Burchett wrote.

One reason the committee recommended extension is that most of Baylor's current sororities are known as mega chapters, meaning there are far more members in Baylor's chapters compared to other chapters around the nation. Some groups are the second largest chapters of their sorority in the nation, just behind schools like the University of Alabama.

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Photo Courtesy of Kathryn Mueller

**UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY** Kathryn Mueller (right) and her daughter pay their respects to King Rama IX, the late king of Thailand, in the royal palace. Mueller began the Baylor Teach in Thailand program, which has been around for more than 25 years.

## Life in the Palace

### Thailand's king invites Baylor grads to teach

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By attending Baylor, students have the chance to experience traditions and practices unique to the campus and the community. Only after graduation do students have the special opportunity to teach at the King's School in Bangkok.

Kathryn Mueller, senior lecturer in the sociology department, began the Baylor Teach in Thailand program more than 25 years ago. After receiving permission from the royal family to bring recent graduates to the Chitralada Palace School to teach English, Mueller has built the program from two initial spots to eight positions for Baylor graduates only. This year's group

leaves for Bangkok around May 20, and two spots still remain vacant.

The program started out as a study abroad opportunity and then transformed into teaching positions after Mueller received a letter from the king of Thailand allowing the graduates to come and teach. Mueller said she'd wanted to visit Thailand since she was a child and was finally able to do so when she came to Baylor.

"It's a fantastic dream, and part of that dream is wanting to share it with anyone at Baylor," Mueller said. "Anyone who would want to live in another country that loves Americans, that is very giving and very reciprocal ... I want them to have that experience that I've had."

Students who choose to

participate in the program have most of their expenses covered, including the travel visa, room and board, round trip airfare, healthcare and most meals. Mueller said graduates' salaries are extremely competitive compared to other teaching positions in Thailand, and participants have the opportunity to tutor for additional spending money.

Klein senior Shelby Velasquez will be one of the members of this year's program, and she said she is looking forward to both experiencing a new culture and giving back through teaching.

"I desired something more out of my post-grad experience," Velasquez said. "I have always been inclined to help others, and I have always loved helping

children, and this opportunity gave me a chance to do both."

One of Velasquez's close friends, Baylor alumna Crystal Roth, took part in the program last year, and Velasquez said her friend helped her decide this was what she wanted to do after graduation.

"[Crystal] was a huge influence because she assured me that I could make an impact and help these children," Velasquez said. "She told me all about her experience and how life-changing it was for the children she taught. I felt more and more called to do it."

Along with a passion for service, Mueller said she looks for a few other key traits in her

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Photo Courtesy of Jennings Sheffield

**TIME TO SHINE** The Baylor Art Department's annual print and portfolio sale allows fine art photography students a chance to profit off of their talent.

## Photography print sale showcases student success

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For math and science majors, getting a job after college revolves around their grades and qualifications. However, for many arts and humanities majors, companies are looking not for numerical data on their job candidates, but for proof of their creative minds. The Baylor art department hosts a print and portfolio sale each year to give their photography students a chance to market and profit off of their talent; this year's print and portfolio sale took place from 5:30-7

p.m. on Thursday in the Martin Museum Foyer of the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center.

Jennings Sheffield, assistant professor of photography and coordinator of the event, emphasized that the sale is a way for students to experience having their work sold in a professional setting.

"The print and portfolio sale is a wonderful opportunity for our photography students to share with their peers, the faculty, the Baylor community and community at large what they

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## Fraternity returns to campus

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Baylor's Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity is officially back on campus as of Saturday evening when the chapter held its New Member Presentation to welcome its new pledges.

Because the Xi Sigma chapter

was off campus for five years, they had no current Baylor members to lead the induction.

Houston sophomore Joel Trahan, one of the new pledges, said his class was brought in by the Killeen-Ford Hood alumni chapter.

"We are kind of the revival line, the new line on campus, starting from nothing pretty much and

trying to bring something new back to campus," Trahan said. "This year we have eight members."

Of the eight new members, four are sophomores and four are seniors.

"The fraternity bases all of its work off of achievement," Trahan said. "So our motto is 'achievement in every field of human endeavor.'"



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