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Members of the Duke Community:

Last fall member organizations of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) community voted to expand their membership. Colonizing a new chapter entails bringing a national organization to campus to create a new group with unaffiliated men. After an extensive nine-month expansion process that included written submissions from 10 national fraternities and campus visits by four organizations, the IFC community has extended invitations to two fraternities to colonize at Duke University over the next several years.

The fraternities selected by the IFC are Sigma Pi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. These two groups were chosen because of their ability to strengthen our current Greek community, provide something new to Duke students, and enhance the Undergraduate experience. Specifically, we selected Sigma Pi because of its innovative program offerings. Their commitment to diverse membership and involvement in the Sam Spady foundation impressed the expansion committee. Additionally, we were impressed with the resources they provide for their colonies.

The IFC selected Sigma Alpha Epsilon because of its alumni network and the myriad resources it offers to colonies. Sigma Alpha Epsilon's focus on the True Gentlemen Initiative, scholarship support for chapters, and commitment to inclusiveness were strong points. While neither Sigma Alpha Epsilon nor Sigma Pi currently exists at Duke, Sigma Alpha Epsilon was on campus from 1931-2002.

In 2009, Sigma Alpha Epsilon will begin its re-colonization at Duke. After Sigma Alpha Epsilon has successfully re-chartered, Sigma Pi will begin the colonization process. The IFC welcomes Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Pi to the Greek community, and the council looks forward to working with students, faculty, staff, and alumni in establishing these strong national fraternities on our campus.

Regards,

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