

Memo of how my story is going so far

Headline/Tweet: Should you take the time to join a sorority?

Digging deep into the reality of joining a sorority, along with the pros and cons. What is “sisterhood” in the Greek system really like?

Interviewed:

- Lexi English
 - Rushed for Alpha Xi Delta (a middle tier sorority)
 - Talked about what rushing was like, the weird rules she encountered at different houses during the process, the reality of how the girls acted (fake vs. real)
 - Said her sorority is not as demanding, but still expects a lot from them in regard to going out on week nights and attending events
- Miranda Gonzalez
 - didn't rush, but kind of wishes she had
 - I asked her why she regrets not joining one, what she thinks she missed out on, why she chose not to rush in the first place, and if would she recommend other freshman to join one
 - Gonzalez has a lot of friends in sororities and she shared good/bad experiences that they've had so far. EX: Her friend went out one night with her sorority. They got drunk, but they ended up leaving her stranded.—Does not seem like something your “sisters” would do—Is this common among sororities?
 - I want to try to interview her friend and get her to talk about this (will try to convince by keeping her as an anonymous source)

Still need to interview:

- Isis Romero (Freshman)
 - started the rush process, but dropped half way through
- Erika Ealey (Junior)
 - Rushed her sophomore year
 - I am hoping she brings a different perspective: why she chose to rush as a sophomore, what did she feel was missing from her college experience that made her want to rush
- Michelle Benson (Freshman)
 - rushed for a top tier sorority that is said to be high demanding
 - I am hoping she talks about how strict those types of sororities are, the expectations they have of new members, what they make you do in regards to initiation, rushing, and partying
- Marissa Sulek (Senior)
 - President of the Panhellenic council (the team that is in charge of rushing)
- A few more exec. members from sororities: TBD

Questions:

How have your academics been affected? What expectations do they have of you? Should a freshman join one, why or why not? What should they keep in mind? What were you looking for when joining a sorority? Do you think someone would still feel close to the other girls if they chose not to be as involved in the sorority?

