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To Missouri State Students and their Parents,

We congratulate Missouri State University Panhellenic on winning the Risk Management Award at the National Panhellenic Conference in October 2009. We know that the safety and security of students on this campus is of top most concern to this College Panhellenic and the Missouri State University administration.

In January 2008, the Executive Council of Sigma Sigma Sigma suspended the charter of our Beta Beta chapter on the Missouri State campus for policy violations. Currently, there is not an established chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma on campus.

On April 20, 1945, Tri Sigma chartered the first fraternal organization on the Southwest Missouri campus, now Missouri State University. As is the tradition with social Greek-letter societies, the chapter was established as the Beta Beta Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma. We have learned that there is an unofficial group of women on campus that have taken the name Beta Beta.

These women are functioning as an entity with social activities which may include acceptance of underage alcoholic beverage consumption and other activities which violate state law, university code of conduct and national sororities' policies. This group is not recognized by a national fraternal organization, University or the College Panhellenic; there may not be controls in place to ensure safety and risk avoidance.

We ask that the Sorority and Fraternity Community sponsor social and service activities with recognized sororities and fraternities only. We also ask that students and parents contact the University's sorority/fraternity affairs office to get information on joining recognized Panhellenic, PanHellenic, and Interfraternity fraternities and sororities. I know you share our same desire to have a safe and prosperous interfraternal community at Missouri State University.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your effort to manage social behavior responsibly.

Sincerely,

Laura Sweet
National President

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