**ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING IDEAS**

The following collection of possible programming ideas for scholarship is intended to provide a variety of resources which chapter, Interfraternity Councils, and Panhellenic Councils can ADAPT as needed. Pick Out the ideas that will work for your particular situation, and create a scholarship program for your own organization.

**TUTORIAL ASSISTANCE**

-designate members who have a strong scholastic background

-use a bulletin board to list members, majors, and areas they can tutor

recruit outside tutors for any subjects not Covered

**GRADE REQUIREMENTS**

-establish a minimum requirement for affiliation

-make room assignments based on GPA

- require a minimum GPA to vote in meetings

-allot parking spaces based on GPA

-require probationary status for members below a 2.5 GPA

**STUDY HOURS**

-establish certain study hours

-post specific rules

-don’t schedule any chapter or new member activities during study hours

-have a closed door policy so noise doesn’t get in

**STUDY FILES**

-use evaluation forms for classes and professors

-develop a check-out system

-date all information

-keep it in an organized way

**PENALTIES FOR POOR SCHOLARSHIP**

-loss of vote in meetings

-loss of right to hold a major chapter office

-loss of social privileges

-loss of intramural participation

-loss of live-in privilege

-loss of parking privileges

**SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN BOARD**

-place it in a prominent location

-include information about study skills workshops (dates, times, places)

-post listings for tutors

-remind members of study hour rules

-list helpful study hints

-include a listing of quiet places to study outside the house

-post information on study abroad

-use financial aid information for scholarships, grants, and loans

-make a resource list of people, materials, videos, etc.

**RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

-create certificates and trophies for highest GPAs (new member, initiated member, roommates, most improved, etc.)

--recognize members who attend all classes

-have the chapter pay initiation fees fornew members with a 4.0

-invite favorite professors to dinner

-send letters to parents of members with outstanding grades

-ask the scholarship chair to give a study hint each week during chapter meetings

-give a pizza party for the class with the highest collective GPA

-have the scholarship chair look for members who are studying in the library, chapter house, union, residence halls, etc. and give candy bars to the members they find

-exempt 4.0 members from house duties

**PHYSICAL FACILITIES**

-insure adequate lighting

-provide tables and comfortable chairs

-make sure there are resources and reference materials

-make adequate computer support a priority

-subscribe to daily newspapers

-enforce the study atmosphere

-develop a chapter library through alumni/ae contributions

-provide current dictionaries and a thesaurus

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING**

-have a speaker in early fall to discuss effective study habits

-offer a speed reading course for chapter members

-add a series of study skill books to the chapter library

-provide handouts on study skills (can be found under the study tools link on MSU Greek Life website)

-schedule special sessions on how to take notes, test-taking, time management, etc.

-invite guest speakers (e.g., librarian, career planning personnel, university administrators, scholarship winners, faculty, community aiumni/ae, etc.)

**Scholarship in Chapter and New Member Meetings**

- offer a vocabulary word of the week and place it around the house

-give reminders of final drop dates, early enrollment, etc.

-make weekly announcements of educational and career opportunities

-announce job offers, admission into graduate schools or honoraries

**Scholarship in Recruitment**

-display scholarship awards

-display graphs of chapter progress

-display bulletin boards with scholastic information

**More Bulletin Board Ideas**

-brag board, members put up their own A’s on tests, papers, etcetera

- Career board (e.g., how to develop a resume)

-.National and local news

-pictures of members who have excelled in something

-I need help sheet for members to sign

-I can help with sheet for members to sign

**Provide Study Suggestions**

-Give refresher study tips to members below the minimum requirements

- Explain university academic probation

- Teach study techniques

- Explain honors programs

- Suggest members audit a class of a course they'll take later

-Discuss how to improve study atmosphere

-Teach members how to take essay vs. objective exams (for resources look at Study Tools on the MSU Greek Life Resources page)

- Give members weekly study budget sheets (time management) divided into hours

- Teach a method of studying

- Alert members to counseling services

- Distribute lists of chapter members and their majors

**Exam Week**

-Have each member hang a balloon on his/her door for each fina1-after they complete the exam,they can pop a balloon

-Ask alums, mothers, house directors to make study treats

- Have coffee/tea and snacks available 24 hours a day during finals

**Motivation**

-Use posters to remind members of quiet hours, the need to attend classes, etc.

-Have one class challenge another class

-Have a fireside chat before finals

**Special Events**

-Over the Hump party after midterms

-Moan and Groan party before finals

-Apple Party (invite professors and administration)

-Smarty Party for those who made the dean’s list

-Ice Cream Sundae Party

**Recognition and Awards**

- send news releases to community newspaper, greek newspaper, chapter newsletter

-recognize members of university honorary organizations

-Provide each member with door signs (Do Not Disturb, I'm Studying-Come Back Later, Come

On In)

-have members sign the scholarship contracts at the beginning of the term

**The Scholarship Committee**

-sponsor a book trade/sale each term

-develop a mentoring program