



WILDCAT CHAT

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is Women's History Month!

Council Spotlight | Panhellenic: Month of the Woman

By Kimberly Bartles, Vice President of Programming, Panhellenic Council

Month of the Woman is an opportunity to unite the entire Greek community on UK's campus. Women in any Greek organization can come together and support each other to show our collective strength. The Panhellenic Council is trying to show that you do not have to be a woman to observe March as the Month of the Woman and that these activities extend beyond a female audience into the entire Greek community and into the entire campus. Our goal this month is to create connections and start conversations that move beyond organization, gender, and council and continue long after the end of March. There are four major events left in the month, with the last being a viewing of award winning film *Hidden Figures*.

Wednesday, March 21: Book Club	<i>Reading: Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty</i> This is the first meeting of Panhellenic Book Club. The chosen book for discussion is written by a woman and is centered on female characters. There are many important and relevant topics covered in the story for our group to discuss.
Thursday, March 22: #MeToo Conversation	This discussion is being held by the Diversity and Inclusion Committee within Panhellenic as an opportunity to share thoughts, ideas, and testimonials about the #MeToo movement.
Friday, March 23: UK Women's Tennis Match	Panhellenic is sponsoring the UK v Georgia women's tennis match to show our support for female athletes.
Wednesday, March 28: Movie Night	<i>Viewing: Hidden Figures</i> As part of a monthly movie series, Panhellenic is showing <i>Hidden Figures</i> during Month of the Woman as a reminder of all of the amazing things that women can, and have accomplished.

Staff Spotlight | Dr. Sonja Fiest-Price



Dr. Sonja Fiest-Price, Vice President for Institutional Diversity, advises the President and Provost on all academic, fiscal, programmatic, and administrative policy decisions regarding the University's diversity plan. She also serves as the senior administrative officer accountable for promoting collaboration among all members of the university community including students, faculty, staff, and administrators in a sincere and determined pursuit of UK's diversity agenda. Dr. Fiest-Price mentioned that "critical to [her] role as Vice President for Institutional Diversity is to work collaboratively with key stakeholders throughout our campus community

to remove barriers that impede students' success, particularly as it relates to belonging and engagement." She describes herself as being "very student-centric and value mentoring, sponsoring and empowering students to reach their full potential", and this is fully reflected in the outcomes of efforts she provides to ensuring all students feel a sense of belonging within their community.

An on-going focus has been in hosting *Listen, Learn and Talk* (LLT) with Victor Hazard, Vice President for Student Engagement, to understand students' needs and how to facilitate students engaging with each other. This encourages students to step out of their comfort zones and learn from their peers of diverse backgrounds. Dr. Fiest-Price feels that "Fraternities and Sororities are among our most influential student groups on campus and significantly enhance students' level of belonging and engagement" and is looking forward to collaborating on future initiatives! Because of her ongoing positivity, professionalism, and perspectives, the University is incredibly thankful that Dr. Fiest-Price continues to educate the world around her and provides an extemporary model to all students.

University Resource | Service Opportunities

By Jessica Proskin, Assistant Director, UK Center for Community Outreach



There are many community service opportunities here in the Lexington community that benefit women and work to fulfill core values of our organizations! One event that will be taking place in April is the Be Bold Workshop which will be held on April 14, 2018, for girls 9 to 18. The event will feature inspirational speakers, activities and sharing on a variety of topics. The mission of Be Bold is to empower girls by partnering with them to set and achieve tangible

goals for themselves through entertainment, education, and above all inspiration. There are many ways to volunteer for the Be Bold workshop this year. More information can be found [here](#). Encourage your chapters to participate!

Another great opportunity is the Habitat for Humanity Women's Build(s). Since 1991, Women Build volunteers from all walks of life have come together to build stronger, safer communities. Habitat for Humanity says "Though our neighborhoods are comprised largely of women and children, they are also the populations most likely to be affected by poor living conditions. Our Women Build events provide the opportunity for women to take a proactive step in serving their communities". Women Build opportunities are available across the U.S., and any woman who wants to learn how to build and construct a home is invited to join us. No experience is necessary. Volunteers work under the guidance of construction professionals, and also alongside other volunteers and future Habitat homeowners. Whether you are learning new skills or simply adding a few to your tool belt, this is a rewarding experience for all involved, and improves the community that you share." You can find more information [here](#). For more information and opportunities to get involved both on campus and off campus, contact external@ukcco.org.

Announcement | Required Forms Due

Required Form are due April 13 and April 20.

April 13:

- Final roster additions/deletions for Spring semester
- Chapter Sponsored Service
- Individual Member Service
- Chapter Sponsored Philanthropy
- Campus Involvement & Leadership from Spring 2018

April 20:

- Financial Information
- Educational Programs from Spring 2018
- Summer Break Contact Information
- Recruitment/Intake Information for Fall 2018 due

To note, chapters may need to reach out for form information. The chapter is responsible for completing the forms by the deadline or will forfeit their active status until forms are completed.



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