El Concilio

2023-2024 Guidebook

Arizona State University
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**ASU Charter**

“ASU is a comprehensive public research university, measured not by whom it excludes, but by whom it includes and how they succeed; advancing research and discovery of public value; and assuming fundamental responsibility for the economic, social, cultural and overall health of the communities it serves.”

**Mission statement**

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Welcome from the Facilitator

On behalf of El Concilio, I extend a warm welcome to all of you. This coalition represents our collective interests, advocates for our needs, and strives to promote awareness and celebration of the rich culture within the ASU community. At El Concilio, we are dedicated to supporting the growth of our emerging student leaders. We offer a wide range of social, cultural, academic, and political service events and programs designed to make a positive impact across all campus locations. As you begin your journey at ASU, we encourage you to explore the opportunities and resources available through us. We are here to foster a sense of belonging, provide a supportive community, and empower you to thrive academically, culturally, and personally. We look forward to meeting each of you and embarking on this exciting chapter together. Welcome to Arizona State University, and welcome to El Concilio.

Facilitator: Stephanie Martinez Ramos
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)
The purpose of SHPE de ASU is to bring a sense of community to the Hispanic engineering students at Arizona State. We also seek to increase the number of Hispanics graduating with STEM degrees. We provide a network system which encourages students to persist and become role models in the Hispanic community.

Hispanic Honor Society at ASU
The Hispanic Honor Society at Arizona State University-West is a student-run organization dedicated to serving the interest and welfare of ASU students, while also providing opportunities for social change, personal growth, and development. It is an organization of students committed to developing leadership, honoring service, character, and scholarship.

Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (M.E.Ch.A)
Our mission is to bring about the educational, cultural, economic, political, and social empowerment of our community, aiming to liberate colonized individuals. We are committed to preserving our cultural identity and resisting assimilation. Additionally, we actively promote, support, and unite with organizations, movements, and clubs that share MECHA’s mission.

Brazilian Student Association at ASU (BRASA)
BRASA is a non-profit organization led by students who wish to foster Brazilian culture in universities abroad and create impact platforms. At its core, BRASA has proactivity, excellency, meritocracy, and commitment to Brazil.

Spanish Graduate Student Association (SPAGrad)
SPAGrad shall represent all students admitted to the graduate program in the Spanish Department of ASU. SPAGrad will provide a voice for graduate student concerns and will promote better-informed decisions regarding life within the Spanish Department.

National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ)
Our mission is to increase the number of Latinos in the newsrooms. We also work toward fair and accurate representation of Latinos in news media.

Chicano/Latino Law Student Association (CLLSA)
The purpose of the Chicano/Latino Law Student Association is to advance the status of Hispanics in the social, educational, and legal areas; to promote and encourage the education of the Hispanic law student, and to sensitize the legal community to the unique needs of the Hispanic community.

Los Diablos
Los Diablos is the official Latino chapter of ASU Alumni and is an affiliate of the ASU Foundation. Los Diablos has been raising funds to provide financial assistance and support to outstanding college students of Arizona who attend and graduate from ASU. In addition to providing tuition scholarships, Los Diablos scholars are assigned to a board member who serves as a mentor, advocate, and university liaison for the academic year.

Salsa Club at ASU
We, as a club, want to encourage students to be part of the dance community within and beyond the university. The Salsa Club at ASU wants to enable students to be comfortable and confident in their pursuit of exploring the art of dance.

Hispanic Organization of Latin Awareness (HOLA)
The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the sense of belonging to an affiliated heritage as well as recognize and create awareness about the differences between the different Latin cultures. Furthermore, we seek to build a community for polytechnic students to empower members in their personal, academic, and career goals.
Traditionally known as social Greek-lettered student organizations, fraternities and sororities at Arizona State University are centered on four values that drive our community forward: Learn and Grow, Build Relationships, Give Back and Do the Right Thing. As a collective of over 75 organizations, their mission is to create the premier fraternity and sorority experience in the country.

Community members succeed academically, are elected to leadership roles in student government, dedicate thousands of hours to community service, raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to charitable organizations, and build campus spirit, pride, and tradition through major campus events. Most importantly, fraternity and sorority life provides the opportunity to establish bonds with dedicated, talented and diverse people on campus and be a part of a global network of alumni that will last a lifetime.

Visit Fraternity and Sorority Life at ASU to learn about all the Greek organizations and the Governing Councils which include:

- Interfraternity Council
- Multicultural Greek Council
- National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations Council
- National Pan-Hellenic Council
- Panhellenic Association

The National Pan-Hellenic Council, also known as the “Divine Nine,” is the coordinating body for the historically African-American fraternities and sororities at Arizona State University.

Multicultural Greek Council

The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) is the governing body for culturally based fraternities and sororities at Arizona State University. The MGC exists to develop and maintain fraternity life and inter-fraternal relations between the culturally based fraternities and sororities on campus and the greater Arizona State University community. The MGC through its programming efforts, encourages scholastic achievement among its member organizations and individuals, provides a forum for discussion and to develop action strategies regarding issues relevant to the MGC community, and coordinates semester activities and service-related events to promote cooperation and harmony among member organizations and strive to promote cultural awareness.

National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations

The National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO) serves as the governing body for the historically Latino/a fraternities and sororities at Arizona State University. Established in 1998 to promote the advancement of Latino/a fraternities and sororities, the first local NALFO council was piloted at Arizona State University in 2003. NALFO’s purpose is to promote and foster positive interfraternal relations, communication, and development of Latino/a fraternal organizations through mutual respect, leadership, honesty, professionalism, and education.
opportunities to expand across the United States and beyond. Their Brotherhood possesses the strongest of desires to positively affect as many lives as possible.

Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. (Pi-Delta Chapter)

During the fall of 1989, the founding of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. began when a group of collegiate women recognized the need to form an organization that provided empowerment to women of all cultural backgrounds at the University of Iowa. Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority became incorporated at Arizona State University. Est. May 18th, 2011 at ASU. Sigma Lambda Gamma strives to be the premier organization committed to providing a mechanism of empowerment to all women. We pride ourselves in fostering growth in leadership and Sisterhood through our 5 founding principles of academics, community service, cultural awareness, morals & ethics, and social interaction.

Pi Lambda Chi Latina Sorority, Inc. (Theta Colony)

Sisterhood, education, unity, and the preservation of Latina culture were all reasons why Pi Lambda Chi was founded at the University of Colorado at Boulder on March 5, 1994. The Theta Colony was incorporated at Arizona State University on November 18, 2017. At Arizona State University, Pi Lambda Chi Latina Sorority, Inc. has established a strong sisterhood and an educational support network for women on campus. They have worked diligently to preserve Latina/o culture and history while promoting education and community service within the surrounding Latina/o communities.

Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. (Lambda Chapter)

Kappa Delta Chi Sorority Incorporated was established at Texas Tech University by four friends who recognized the need to unify and promote leadership amongst Hispanic women at the university. Since the Lambda Chapter was incorporated at Arizona State University on December 4, 1984, Kappa Delta Chi has grown to include women of various ethnicities and cultures and has inducted other chapters throughout the country. All with the common premise of joining Kappa Delta Chi because of the scholastic, philanthropic, and ethical standards that it cultivates and enforces. These are the standards that we emanate through sisterly friendship and servitude to each other and to those around us.

Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. (Alpha Lambda Chapter)

Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. was founded on March 11, 1986, at California State University, Chico. Since then The purpose of Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. has been to open doors of opportunity to the Latinas of our community. Their primary focuses are academic excellence and meeting the needs of Latina women in higher education. Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. also promotes the advancement of Latinas through various campus activities and community services and provides an environment for personal growth within a unit of sisterhood. The Alpha Lambda Chapter was incorporated at Arizona State University on March 28, 2009, and since then they have worked as “a family social” with members with exposure to resources for continued growth.

Lambda Sigma Gamma Sorority, Inc. (Alpha Chapter)

Lambda Sigma Gamma Sorority, Inc. was founded on the campus of Sacramento State University on October 24, 1986. Founder Linda V. Fuentes ignited the organization in the first year by recruiting 26 founding mothers. The 27 Founding Mothers realized that the campus did not offer an organization that met the needs of women from minority backgrounds. They were interested in forming an organization that would not only act as a family away from home but would also bring together women from various backgrounds and incorporates the principles of self-improvement, scholastic excellence, civic responsibility, and leadership. The sorority was established at Arizona State University on November 3, 2013, and throughout the years they have truly embodied their motto, unity through sisterhood.

Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc. (Chi Beta Chapter)

Lambda Beta International Fraternity Inc. is a historically Latino-based fraternity with a multicultural membership. We have over 150 entities at different colleges and communities stretching from coast to coast. Our mission is to nurture and further a dynamic, values-based environment that utilizes our historically Latino-based fraternity as a catalyst to better serve the needs and wants of all people. They are the brothers of the Classy Chi Beta (XB) Chapter at Arizona State University and were founded in December of 2001. Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Inc. has continuously exemplified its principles of brotherhood, scholarship, community service, and cultural awareness.
College Panhellenic
The College Panhellenic is the governing council for 14 National Panhellenic Conference sororities and 2 associate member sororities on campus. The College Panhellenic exists to develop and maintain fraternity life and interfraternal relations between the sororities on campus and the greater Arizona State University community.

Interfraternity Council
The Interfraternity Council is a self-governing body representing the member fraternities at Arizona State University. The IFC strives to promote excellence in all aspects of fraternity life. The IFC works to better the Arizona State University fraternity community and represents the member fraternities to the greater campus community. IFC assists with fraternity recruitment each semester and serves as a clearing house for all issues related to the fraternity community. The Interfraternity Council at Arizona State University is a North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) chartered IFC.

The Divine Nine
The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), also known as the "Divine Nine" is the coordinating body for the historically African-American fraternities and sororities at Arizona State University. ASU is home to eight of the Divine Nine organizations. Originally formed in 1930 at Howard University, the purpose of the NPHC is "unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the conduct of Greek-letter collegiate fraternities and sororities, and to consider problems of mutual interest to its member organizations." NPHC honors the historical spirit of community service, cooperation, cultural consciousness, scholarship, servant leadership, and unity.

Fraternity and Sorority Life
governing councils
To welcome students to the fall semester, El Concilio hosts a welcome event for new and returning students, staff, and faculty towards the end of August. This event features engaging activities, food, and member organizations.

Last week August

Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month
In partnership with ASU, El Concilio observes our heritage month by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of Chicanx/e, Latinx/e, and Hispanic individuals as well as groups who identify with and strive to create a more inclusive environment for these communities.

September 15 - October 15

Aventura Cultural
As El Concilio’s culminating heritage month event, this celebration provides the opportunity to learn about and engage in Latin culture through discussion, food, live music, art, literature, activities and dance.

Early October

Día de los Muertos
A day to remember those we have lost, this annual event showcases traditional elements including altares, ofrendas, and skull decorating. We intend to provide an immersive experience for all students and community members to not only enjoy the festivities but also to learn more about our communities and culture as a way to raise awareness.

Late October/Early November

ElColympics
Friendly outdoor competition for the coalition, member orgs, and greater community to come together and compete in short games, activities, and various sports. This event promotes wellness, team-building, and fun. The winning team gets a special prize.

Early October

Viva La Drag
El Concilio, in collaboration with the Rainbow Coalition, celebrates and highlights the intersectionality between Latinx/e and the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. This interactive event features student organization tabling, a drag show, and a panel with our drag performers. We always bring in a special guest from RuPaul’s Drag Race!

Late October/Early November

Signature events

Through campus programs and community involvement, El Concilio aims to uplift diverse communities, foster an inclusive environment, and build community at ASU. Throughout the academic year, both El Concilio and its member organizations plan and host signature events across all four campus locations celebrating heritage, creative expression and inclusion.

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asu.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/el-concilio

Office Location:
Tempe Campus
Student Pavilion
Room 221B
Key resources
Make the most of your ASU experience and meet your academic and personal goals. From providing opportunities to discover your career interests to learning the keys to leading a healthy lifestyle for a lifetime, ASU is here to help you succeed academically and socially. Take advantage of all the resources available to you and the larger community.

- ASU Counseling Service
- Financial Aid & Scholarship Service
- University Housing
- Sun Devil Dining
- Los Diablos ASU Alumni Chapter
- Multicultural Communities of Excellence
- Student Success Center
- TRIO Student Support Services
- Sexual and Relationship Violence Program
- Cultural Connections
- Global Education office
- Sun Devil Fitness & Wellness
- Student Accessibility & Inclusive Learning Services (SAILS)
- Intercampus Shuttles
- Dean of Students
- Student Advocacy and Assistance
- Student Code of Conduct
- University Technology Office
- ASU Health Services
- Career & Professional Development Services
- Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)
- Council of Coalitions (CoC)
- Student Employment
- ASU Athletics
- University Academic Success Program
- Transfer Student Resources
- ASU Family

Get involved
Make friends, have fun, and learn outside of the classroom. Immerse yourself in ASU traditions, join or start your own student organization, participate in programs and activities, serve your community, or advance your idea on how to make the world a better place. Explore your options and enjoy Sun Devil Life!

- Career and Professional Development Services
- Changemaker Central
- Council of Coalitions
- Cultural Connections
- Fraternity and Sorority Life
- Student Employment
- Student Organizations
- Student Unions and Centers
Best of luck,
Sun Devil!