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Subject: Welcome to Fall 2019: Updates and Information from the Dean of Students Office
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Dear Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council officers and chapter presidents, Welcome back to campus for the 2019-2020 academic year. We hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready to continue your positive contributions to campus. As we start the new school year, we cannot help but recall the spring semester's FSL Awards Program. From the funds raised for various charities and causes to individual personal and academic achievements, the accomplishments of this community truly are remarkable and demonstrate its value to the University of Iowa and the surrounding community.

However, we must also acknowledge the challenges the FSL community has faced. Last year was difficult for many reasons, but primarily because some chapters disregarded the health and safety of others and engaged in dangerous behaviors, including the harmful consumption of alcohol and hazing. It has already come to our attention that there has been outreach to properties near Melrose Court to potentially hold large open events with alcohol, similar to the ones that led to university policy violations last fall. As a reminder, if chapters or other student organizations engage in misconduct, the University will continue to hold them accountable for violations of university policy, in addition to holding individual students accountable, as appropriate through the [Code of Student Life](#).

As we continue to envision the future of our FSL community, we wanted to iterate our values and share a few updates so we can continue to make progress together:

- We remain focused on the health and safety of all members and therefore will continue to encourage behaviors and events that promote and support the well-being of all students.
- The FSL strategic plan draft is focused on, among other things, creating a community that is more healthy and safe. We look forward to your continued feedback on the draft as we build upon the previous year's work.
- Conversations are occurring at the university leadership level regarding the current campus alcohol policy. A thorough review of the policy and how changes could be implemented is underway, and recommendations are expected by the end of September. This review will help inform the next steps in our process as we determine protocols and policies related to social events with alcohol.
- As we have previously shared, the university has adopted the social events with alcohol policy piloted last year. A chapter's disciplinary status, whether sanctioned from the university or from its respective governing council, will determine eligibility to hold social events with alcohol.

Your support, collaboration, and continued engagement are crucial to the success of our FSL community. The staff, your alumni advisors and volunteers, and inter/national headquarters officials are committed to helping you live up to your chapter ideals.

As we enter a new academic year, we hope you will continue to think about the legacies you want to leave on campus, and we look forward to working alongside you to create a FSL community that positively transforms the student experience at Iowa.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments you would like to share.

Sincerely,

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